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MP fears for future of prized nuclear project

By George Welch

AN Oxfordshire MP has described a government pledge to keep funding a multi-million pound nuclear fusion project in Culham, as long as the EU keeps paying in as well after Brexit, as a "sticking plaster".

Oxford West and Abingdon MP Layla Moran welcomed the promise of more government investment at the Joint European Torus (JET) at Culham Science Centre, but said she is worried about workers' job security and the local economy.

After Brexit the UK is to leave the Euratom Treaty, a collection of all current 28 EU countries that contribute to the development of Europe's nuclear energy, which puts the future of the facility in doubt.

Ms Moran, who visited the site on Friday, said: "It's a sticking plaster.

"The money keeps things going but it doesn't stop the fact that by pulling out of the Euratom Treaty, we are pulling out of a network of scientists and that is more important than anything else."

The Lib Dem MP added: "Combined with the continued uncertainty around EU citizens – bearing in mind the majority of JET workers come from elsewhere – money helps but is not the answer."

The EU covers £60million – or 88 per cent – of the running costs at JET, which employs 1,300 workers, but the UK's contract to host the facility ends in December 2018. Last week the government committed to paying its "fair share" of the project if the EU extends the contract to 2020.

Lorne Horton, head of the JET exploitation unit, left, Layla Moran, and Ian Chapman, CEO UK Atomic Energy Authority. Right, touring the facility

Business Secretary Greg Clark said: "JET is a prized facility at the centre of the UK's global leadership in nuclear fusion research, which is why the government is taking every step to secure its future and to maintain highly-skilled jobs in the UK."

The announcement provides some relief to scientists but many are still worried about the county's science sector once the UK leaves the EU.

Ms Moran added: "It puts the scientific community, nuclear safeguarding and access to treat radioactive isotopes and to treat cancer patients in jeopardy.

"The industry agrees with us that the best thing to do would be to just leave the Euratom Treaty alone.

"The 1,300 jobs that rely on the JET facility would be a huge loss to the Oxfordshire economy but also to the scientific community at large across the world."

Car park yobs face new fines

A NEW penalty for revving and loud music in car parks will be introduced next month.

Police in Abingdon have been granted new powers to fine people who cause vehicle related noise nuisance up to £100 starting this August.

The new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), was given overwhelming backing by the public with more the than 89 per cent of people who took part in the consultation approving the measure.

This move comes after incidents in the town's car parks have caused a disturbance for people living nearby.

Cllr Eric Batts, cabinet member for community safety at Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "Revving of engines, loud music and other anti-social behaviour has been a cause for concern in Abingdon's car parks for some time.

"The public have given their overwhelming support to the new order and, as a result, we've approved the measure, meaning that police now have the power to tackle the problem."

A PSPO allows police to target specific anti-social behaviour offences that occur in public areas. Orders can be tailored to the needs of a local area.

The new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Abingdon replaces the town's Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) that has been in place since 2009.

It includes the existing power for police to ask people to stop drinking alcohol if they are behaving anti-socially in a public area and to confiscate their alcohol if they do not comply.

An officer can fine them if they refuse.

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A mammoth 50k trek for amazing mum

By Eva Astreinidou

A MUM will be taking on a 'mammoth' 50K trek to raise funds towards finding a cure for a lifelong disease that has affected her son.

Singer and mum-of-two Lisa Harman, 41, has quite the challenge lined up when she takes on the Race to the Stones along the Ridgeway from Lewknor to Wantage on July 15.

The race, estimated to take up to 12 hours, is for a cause close to her heart, the Children's Liver Disease Foundation (CLDF).

Lisa, who lives in Kennington, said her son Max, who is now 12, was diagnosed with lifelong incurable liver and bowel disease.

She said: "I decided very quickly that raising money was to be a focus for me. A focus to help find a cure for his diseases, a better understanding of his conditions but mainly to provide hope for his future.

"Max has received marvellous medical care but I need to feel that I am helping him too. I want to make his life longer, happier and less frightening. I want to help him put up the strongest fight."

Lisa hopes to raise £600 from the trek. She has managed to

Lisa Harrow with her sons Jed, centre, and Max, right

fit in training for the walk and fundraising for CLDF alongside her job as a physicist in Harwell and her role as lead singer of rock covers band, The Jumps.

She said: "The band gigs have really helped me to deal with things since Max was diagnosed.

"His younger brother Jed also had an eye condition diagnosed last November in which he silently lost 75 per cent of the vision in one eye – so between them both I am at hospital at least once a month."

Alison Taylor, chief executive of CLDF said: "We rely entirely on voluntary donations so we are delighted that Lisa has decided to take on this mammoth trek for us. It's a huge undertaking, particularly given all her existing commitments so we wish her all the best."

To donate, go to tinyurl.com/ybc3a6yk

'Hand yourself in' say parents of Syrian-held Jihadi Jack

THE parents of an Oxford man nicknamed 'Jihadi Jack' have urged their son to hand himself over to the British authorities after his "rather extensive gap year" in Syria.

Jack Letts, 21, is currently being held in protective custody by Kurdish militia in north-east Syria after he escaped from the so-called Islamic State (IS) stronghold of Raqqa.

Parents John Letts and Sally Lane, who deny charges of funding terrorism by sending their son money after he left for Syria in 2014, said last week they hadn't heard from Jack for 'a couple of weeks'.

John Letts told the BBC's Victoria Derbyshire: "He has questions to answer – that's absolutely fine. If he's back, we've always said 'hand yourself over to the British once you get out'.

"I can't account for all of Jack's movements for three years – we had no idea he was going there. He was 18 when he went out there, I made a lot of stupid mistakes when I was 18 and I think we all do. It's kind of like a rather extensive gap year."

The parents, who live in Oxford, called on the British authorities to help the former Cherwell School pupil escape.

Sally said: "He was in a very dangerous part of Syria and we thought that now he'd finally made it out of IS-controlled territory that he would be able to come home.

"We've been told by the British authorities that as soon has he makes it out of IS territory they would be able to help us – but no help has been coming, even though we know where he has been for a month."

Jack is suspected of going to Syria in 2014 to fight for IS but now claims he is opposed to them and has left that area.

Last month, he begged to be released from jail so he could return to the UK and "explain some things" to his parents.

John Letts said: "It's terrifying, we have been living with this for three years. Every day you are waiting for a phone call saying your son has been killed."

A spokesperson for the Foreign Office has previously told the Oxfordshire Guardian that it did not have the resources to search for and help Jack Letts.

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'Violent' teen jailed after killing city centre cyclist

A 'VIOLENT 'teenager has been sentenced to four years behind bars after pleading guilty to killing a cyclist in Oxford city centre.

Iman St Clair, 18 of Kestrel Crescent, Oxford, admitted to unlawfully killing Eamonn Anderson in High Street in October last year.

The sixth former assaulted Mr Anderson, of Salter Close, when the 56-year-old was involved in an 'altercation' with a group of men shortly after 11.30pm on October 25, 2016.

Mr Anderson, who fell from his bicycle and sustained serious head injuries, died in hospital less than a fortnight later when his life support system was switched off.

St Clair pleaded guilty to manslaughter at Oxford Crown Court on June 8 and was sentenced at the same court on Tuesday.

Senior investigating officer, DCI Mike Lynch, of the Thames Valley Police Major Crime Unit, said: "St Clair's actions were violent, and Mr Anderson tragically died as a result of them.

"Although St Clair did not mean to kill Mr Anderson, he subjected him to a serious assault.

Iman St Clair

"If he had not done this, Mr Anderson would still be alive."

Rachel Lomas, senior crown prosecutor for the Thames and Chiltern Crown Prosecution Service said "a just outcome has been achieved".

She added: "We know that nothing will bring Mr Anderson back to his family and friends, but we hope that today's sentence brings them at least a small sense that justice has been done."

Carnival in the sunshine

Clockwise from left, Bin Bot the robot, colourful dancers, more dancers and banging the drum. Pictures: Oxford City Council

By Eva Astreinidou

MORE than 50,000 people came out to enjoy and take part in an outdoor spectacle of culture, technology, robots and pyrotechnics in Oxford over the weekend.

The Cowley Road Festival returned to South Park for the 15th time on Saturday and Sunday.

The two-day festival, organised by Cowley Road Works and its 100 volunteers, was opened with Colossus Awakes, a display of performance and fireworks that lit up the night sky from 9.30pm on Saturday.

The highlight of Sunday was a mile-long carnival procession led by the Bin Bot robot.

The 12.30pm parade from the Plain to Magdalen Road included approximately 600 people from 30 community groups and schools, all paying tribute to this year's theme of technology and industry.

Penny Garner, from Witney, an associate producer with the carnival team, said: "I have never done carnival before and to do it from this side has been an incredible experience.

"It was a lot of hard work, but to see the community coming together like this is a great thing."

Oxford Brookes University played a key part in the event, bringing along Artie and Martie, robots made specially for the procession.

Andrea Siret, head of alumni and community engagement, said: "There was such an amazing atmosphere and all those involved very much enjoyed being part of this vibrant community event."

At the heart of the festival site was the carnival music stage which featured live music throughout the afternoon from bands including Zaia, Ran Kan Kan and dance from Sol Samba and 1 Afro Fusion.

Cari-fest was also back at the East Oxford Community Centre with DJs playing Caribbean music, SOCA and reggae.

Manzil Way was transformed into Market Street for the day, with food stalls as well as fun activities.

The Indonesian community stall, a staple of the carnival for food, was back with a zone dedicated to Little Indonesia.

The Cowleyroad.org history project brought together an interactive photography installation in a miniature version of the area, showing every building with facts and memories.

Blackbird Leys death: more arrests by police

A TOTAL of 13 people have been arrested in an ongoing murder investigation in Oxford.

Christopher Lemonius, 27, died in hospital after he was found with serious injuries following an incident on Jourdain Road in Blackbird Leys.

Since the incident on June 1, five people have been charged with murder, and there have been eight further arrests.

Last Thursday, officers arrested a 28-year-old man on suspicion of assisting an offender. He has been released under investigation.

On Wednesday, officers arrested a 23-year-old man from Oxford and a 25-year-old man from Headington, on suspicion of assisting an offender. They have been released under investigation. A 25-year-old man from Oxford was arrested on June 23 on suspicion of assisting an offender. He has been released pending investigations.

The day before, a 32-year-old man from Oxford was arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender. He was released on bail. On June 14, a 31-year-old woman from Oxford was arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender. She has been released under investigation.

The day before, a 63-year-old man from Oxford and a 56-year-old woman from Oxford were arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender. They have been released under investigation.

The trial of five men charged with murder is expected to start on November 6.

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Hundreds march in park to spread message of unity

A GROUP came together to spread a message of unity following an alleged racial attack in a park.

Up to 300 people joined a community walk on Friday against racism in Florence Park, Cowley, following the reported abuse of Somali women relaxing in the park after Eid celebrations on June 25.

The peaceful event called by Oxford Stand Up To Racism was to show there is 'no room for hate'.

A short rally at the end celebrated the diversity of the walk and all speakers issued the call for unity and opposition to racism.

Ian Mckendrick, spokesman for Stand Up To Racism, said: "It was very heartening to see almost 300 people, from all sections of the community, join the walk in Florence Park called to keep the park free from racism and ensure it remains a place accessible to everyone.

"When building for the event we heard multiple accounts of racist abuse as people went about their daily business.

"We strongly felt the there was a need to bring the local community together to stand up to racism at a time of a reported rise in racist abuse and attacks, including the horrific acid attack in London."

A police spokesman said yesterday that they had investigated the reports of an altercation between two groups of people in the park on June 25.

He added: "No witness has provided evidence of racist language being used. Officers have been in contact with both groups, and local restorative justice options are now being explored."

Marchers in Florence Park

Tower block fire: no fears

By Eva Astreinidou

A FIRE broke out in one of Oxford's tower blocks amid controversy surrounding the safety of high-rise buildings.

Six emergency crews and police were mobilised to the scene after reports of a fire at Plowman Tower in Westlands Drive, Oxford, last Wednesday at 12.26pm.

On arrival fire crews were faced with smoke coming from the entrance to the ground floor store area of the building.

They quickly extinguished the fire to stop any spread into the main part of the building.

The incident comes after local authorities in Oxford have tried to reassure residents of the safety of their tower blocks following last month's tragic fire in London's Grenfell Tower, which claimed at least 79 lives.

Stephen Clarke, head of housing and property at Oxford City Council, said: "Everybody is rightly concerned about fires in tower blocks since the tragedy at Grenfell Tower.

"Today's small fire, and the textbook response to it, shows that the safeguards in place in Oxford work well."

Speaking about the fire, incident fire commander Paul Bremble said they are working with the police to pinpoint its cause.

He added: "The crews were quick to extinguish the fire and stop it spreading to other parts of the building.

"There was no risk to residents and no spread of the smoke or the fire to the flats above."

Mr Clarke added that there would be comprehensive fire safety standards met in an ongoing £20million refurbishments of Oxford city's five tower blocks.

He said: "We are very grateful to the firefighters for their response, and are reinforced that we were right a couple of years ago to decide to go above and beyond national fire safety standards in our refurbishment programme.

"The comprehensive fire measures we decided on included fitting sprinklers – which Oxfordshire's chief fire officer has confirmed puts our blocks amongst only 18 in the country with sprinklers, out of around 600 blocks in total."

Last week, Oxford officials were accused of giving 'false assurances' to tower block residents, after the cladding on two of the city's high-rise buildings failed fire safety checks.

After the results, it was decided cladding on the two towers, Evenlode and Windrush, will be replaced as soon as possible. The work will be carried out while families remain in their flats.

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Firearm charge

HENLEY: A teenage boy has been charged with numerous offences, including possession of a firearm.

The 15-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was allegedly involved in incidents in Sonning Common and Kidmore End, Henley, in September 2016.

He has been charged with one count of possession of a firearm and ammunition in a public place, aggravated taking of a vehicle without consent, dangerous driving, and two counts of taking a vehicle without consent.

The charges relate to incidents on September 13 and 26 last year.

The boy has been bailed to appear before Oxford magistrates on July 12.

School donation

WALLINGFORD: A school has raised money to purchase life-saving equipment for the town.

Fir Tree School recently held a 5km run to raise funds to buy a new defibrillator.

The school council presented a cheque for £1,400 to the Heart of Wallingford Fund that has been raising money for several years. It is hoped that the new defibrillator can be installed as soon as possible to add to the network of machines around the town.

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Pupils from Fitzwaryn School accept the cheque

Grand gesture from the Lions

A CHEQUE for £1,000 has been presented to a school for children with special needs to fund new play equipment.

The funds for Fitzwaryn school were raised by the Wantage and Grove Lions Club.

It was to mark their 'wonderful' achievements.

Celebrating 30 years of serving the community, the club presented the cheque to the schoolchildren to help towards the cost of buying some new equipment for their play area.

Spokesperson for the club Barbara Murrell said: "Wantage and Grove Lions Club have supported this school over the years and it holds a special place in our heart.

"So we felt that to celebrate Lions Club international centenary and serving our community for 30 years, what better way than give locally raised funds to a local school.

"They are giving local children the best education possible in a wonderfully colourful, and happy environment."

She added: "It was just one of many things Lions do to serve the community."

Founded in 1986, the club raises funds for local community projects through a range of events such as jumble sales, bingo evenings and craft fairs.

There are 19 current members and 10 friends of the Lions who all work on a voluntary basis to help and promote the good work of the group.

Jobs boost as business park revamp continues

By Matthew Brown

A GROVE councillor has hailed the news that up to 1,000 new jobs could be created thanks to a £40million regeneration scheme at the village's business park.

The park's buildings and facilities have recently received a revamp, and now a masterplan is in place to more than double existing accommodation.

That would see significant increases in the 85 businesses already based at the park and the 300 people working there.

Cllr Ben Mabbett, representing Grove North on Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "I think it's absolutely fantastic, any plan that brings jobs locally is great.

"The number one concern I hear is that there aren't many jobs in Wantage or Grove and people have to travel to Oxford or Didcot or even further afield than that.

"I wish them the best of luck and will help them with anything we can do to encourage new businesses to set up there and thrive."

The plan involves the creation of 11,000 sq ft of grade A office space and 24 flexible units aimed at start-up and small businesses.

Larger business units totalling 35,000 sq ft will also be built and outline planning permission is in place for an additional 220,000 sq ft of new development.

There are also plans for a café that could open in six months, an 80-pupil nursery by autumn 2018 with both complementing the existing 450-member health club.

Richard Lyall, project director for Grove Business Park Ltd, which has been carrying out a refurbishment programme since taking it over in December 2015, said: "We are witnessing a transformation in progress and businesses are responding in increasing numbers.

"Demand for space is growing as we create a park that offers a central location with easy access to the A34, M4 and M40 along with state of the art facilities for businesses ranging from start-ups to major operators."

Meanwhile, concerns over the drainage at Grove Business Park have been shrugged off as a "misunderstanding".

Geoffrey Arnold, principal engineer from Oxfordshire County Council's drainage team, said he was "struggling to find sufficient information" on how the drainage system for upcoming construction works fitted into the drainage for the rest of the park.

He said that work needed to be done over issues such as water discharge rates and volumes, extreme storms and a layout of pipes before planning officers would be satisfied.

However, Mr Lyall dismissed the engineer's comments.

"This is a request for information, simply a misunderstanding on behalf of the drainage engineers and does not present a problem."

Police in appeal after suspected arson in Headington

POLICE are appealing for any information following a suspected arson in Headington.

Officers believe a fire on Weyland Road at about 4am on Monday was started deliberately.

The blaze started in a downstairs room of the house.

No-one was harmed as the house that was set alight was unoccupied at the time.

Investigating officer DC James Macaro of Force CID, which is based at Oxford, said: "We are in the early stages of this fire investigation but we suspect that this fire may have been started deliberately.

"We are asking for any witnesses to come forward.

"We are particularly keen to speak to a man who was pushing a bicycle and a woman who knocked on many doors in the neighbourhood to raise the alarm about the fire.

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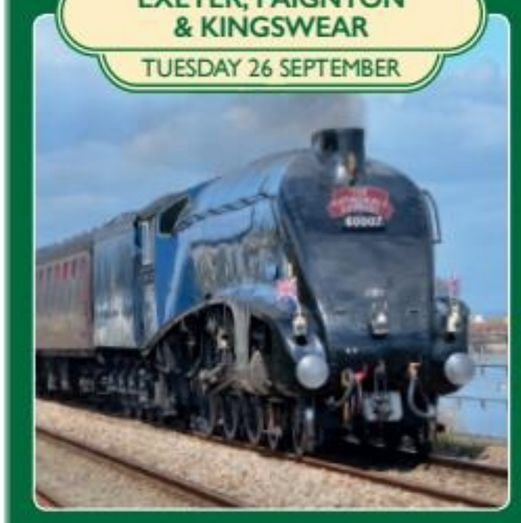

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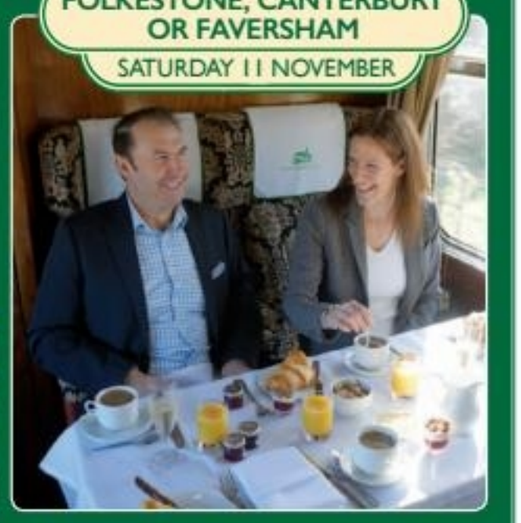

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Row, row, row your boat...

By Eva Astreinidou

THIS year's Henley Royal Regatta featured plenty of history-making and record-breaking moments.

The five-day event, which came to an end on Sunday, featured a total of 577 crews from 15 nations, the second-largest entry ever.

The USA had a record entry of 60 crews.

For the first time in the regatta's history there were the same number of open events for women as men, with three new women's classes, including the first women's double scull race on Friday.

At least 24 medallists from the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio competed, including 10 gold-medal winners.

Sir Steve Redgrave, chairman of the regatta's committee of management, said: "I am really pleased with the quality of the entry in all events.

"I am looking forward to seeing a strong international presence in the three newly introduced events for this year – the women's four, pair and double."

Speaking of the new classes for women, Kim Brennan, a student at Oxford Brookes University and a gold medallist for Australia, said: "We are proud to be the first four in Henley this year."

Leander Club, based in Henley, claimed top prize in four categories. Oxford Brookes claimed top prize in two categories, the Ladies' Challenge Plate and the Temple Challenge Cup.

Pictured above, guests watch on the Saturday
Below, clapping the winners.
Pictures: Henley Royal Regatta

Research finds ticks may help heart condition

A STUDY has found that tick saliva could hold the secret to treatments for life-threatening conditions.

Joint research by the British Heart Foundation and Oxford University has identified a protein within tick saliva that can be used to fight chemicals released in the heart during myocarditis, a condition that can cause sudden cardiac death.

Around 30 per cent of people with myocarditis go on to develop dilated cardiomyopathy and heart failure, which in some cases can result in the patient needing a heart transplant.

Professor Shoumo Bhattacharya, the study's lead author and professor of cardiovascular medicine at the university, said the new research could help design life-saving therapy.

He added: "We may also be able to use the same drugs to treat other diseases where inflammation plays a big part, such as heart attack, stroke, pancreatitis, and arthritis."

The proteins identified by the research team can bind to and neutralise several chemicals called chemokines, which are released in the heart during myocarditis.

The chemokines attract cells that cause inflammation, but by neutralising the chemicals, tick saliva could potentially prevent the inflammation.

Professor Jeremy Pearson, associate medical director at the British Heart Foundation, said: "They may not be pretty, but these little creatures could hold the secret to better treatments for a whole range of diseases. There's a long way to go, but tick saliva looks like an exciting, albeit unconventional, area of research."

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We will meet all the courageous participants who intend to jump over Hinton Airfield, near Banbury, on September 3 over the coming weeks. Last month we brought you three of the brave hardy souls ready to plummet at 120mph – this week we bring you three more.

THE sky's the limit for a daring group of courageous people as they set their aims high to raise funds for P2G.

Those taking the leap of faith include teenager Shannon Neal from Sutton Courtenay (pictured top left) Didcot's David Presley, (bottom left) and Wantage resident and Didcot town councillor James Hart (centre left).

Andy Baker, the founder of P2G in 2007, described the trio as 'hardy souls' but said he is content watching from the sidelines.

Dryliner David, who plays for Didcot Rugby Club, said that when he agreed to Andy's skydiving invitation he "must have been mad or drunk".

"Now I muse over the thought of what I had let myself in for – however I know it is for a really worthy cause," he added.

Cllr Hart, who owns Delicious of Wantage and Didcot, is no stranger to taking the plunge as he took on a skydive a few years ago and has already raised close to £500 so far.

He said: "I back Play2Give in all ways I can. I am always delighted to be involved with and to sponsor events that P2G do and as a local councillor and business owner I am always inspired. We should all be in awe of Andy, a young person the whole of Didcot and beyond can be proud of."

Shannon, who turns 19 tomorrow, has already raised around £350. The sales and finance officer said: "I've always wanted to do a skydive and knowing it is for a great cause makes it far more meaningful and worthwhile."

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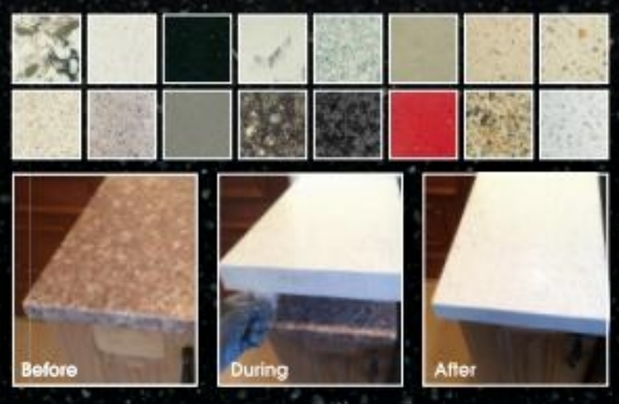

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Glory clean-up

BICESTER: Council workers removed more than 14 tonnes of rubbish after a cleaning blitz at the Glory Farm estate.

Last month, staff from Cherwell District Council cleared litter, fly-tipped waste, and graffiti. Residents were also able to take advantage of free bulky waste collections.

Debbie Pickford, Cherwell's lead member for clean and green, said: "This is the fourth blitz in the district this year, and I am delighted it was such a success."

Dancing men hit

BICESTER: Police are appealing for witnesses after two 19-year-old men were punched several times while on the dance floor of the Saxon pub, in Sheep Street.

The incident happened at about 2am on Sunday, June 25. Both victims were treated in hospital, one for facial and head injuries and the other for a swollen nose.

The offender was described as white, from 19 to 21-years-old, around 5ft 11in, with blond hair which was short on the sides but with a 'quiff' style.

He was wearing a white or grey T-shirt a red jacket and blue jeans.

Call PC Lee Dickinson on 101 with information, using incident reference 43170185613.

Left, Banbury Sea Cadets prepare a yacht for the water. Right, six-year-old Tyler Morrell of Banbury uses a computer to operate a bomb disposal unit's robot. Below right, the drumhead service

Remembrance at Banbury service

By Samantha McGregor

BANBURY'S military cadets took the spotlight to lead tributes to Britain's service men and women past and present

The town marked Armed Forces Day on Saturday with a procession and activities.

Young bandsmen of the 1460 (Banbury) Air Training Corps headed a procession of military marchers through the crowd-lined streets.

The ATC band was supported by local army and sea cadets who performed military exercises with precision and style.

The event included a moving religious service similar to those that have taken place on battlefields around the world during times of war.

A drumhead service is a ceremony conducted in the field during conflict and in peacetime with neatly-piled drums draped with flags to create a temporary altar.

Service men and women, cadets, veterans, civic leaders and others took part in the ceremony – led by Rev Dan McGowan of St Paul's Church, Banbury – as crowds of onlookers stood in silence.

Banbury Town Council organised the event and council leader Kieron Mallon said: "Armed Forces Days in Banbury are always meaningful and pays tribute to the town's strong military traditions.

"The event shows support for the men and women who make up the armed forces community – from currently serving troops to service families, veterans and cadets."

The armed forces event, in the town centre from 10am to 2pm, included a parade of military vehicles, demonstrations, and static displays.

Armed Forces Day is a chance for communities to show support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces.

Communities celebrate the day, usually the last Saturday of June, with a range of events from parades to street parties.

Last weekend, Bicester's carnival was held in conjunction with Armed Forces Day. Military personal and cadets joined the carnival procession and hosted an event in the arena in Pingle Field.

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Film reveals life in the fast lane of Williams F1 team

By George Welch

A DOCUMENTARY depicting the true story of one of Formula One's most iconic teams will be premiered next week.

The never-before-seen footage of Grove-based Williams will show candid accounts of what really went on behind closed doors when it hits the big screen in London on Tuesday.

The self-titled film Williams features legendary racing footage, interviews with much-loved Formula One stars and tells the 'remarkable love story' of the team's founder Sir Frank Williams and his wife Virginia, who died in 2013.

The film is based on the 1991 book by Lady Virginia called A Different Kind of Life.

Directed by the BAFTA-winning Morgan Matthews, Formula One and Williams racing fans of all ages will get to experience the true story of the historic team formed in 1977.

Sir Frank said: "I hope the fans enjoy the film as much as I've enjoyed being part of motor racing.

"I'm glad that both the people behind the team and my family come out as the true heroes of the story."

The film features co-founder and engineer Sir Patrick Head, as well as Formula One heavyweights Sir Jackie Stewart, Nigel Mansell and Nelson Piquet.

Deputy team principal and Sir Frank's daughter Claire Williams said the film is about her father's two loves – the sport and his wife.

She said: "Everyone knows of Frank's pure passion for motor racing, but not everyone knows the remarkable story of my parents' marriage and how those two things co-existed during the highs and lows of the team's journey.

"I am pleased that it shines a light on exactly how instrumental my mother was in the team's success while also capturing the setbacks and her bravery in holding the family, and ultimately the business together, as the team went on to make history.

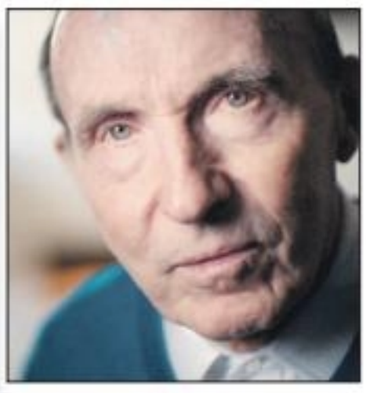
"We are incredibly proud of the film and its enduring message of what the human spirit is capable of achieving in the face adversity.

"I hope that is inspires people as much as my parents' story inspires me."

Curzon Artificial Eye will host the world premiere of Williams at Mayfair's Curzon Mayfair cinema on Tuesday.

Nationwide previews will be played on August 2 including a filmed Q&A with Mrs Williams, Morgan Matthews and special guests.

Williams will go on general cinema release from August 4. To find the nearest cinema playing the film, visit Williams-Film.com.



Above left, Frank Williams in the early days, Sir Frank today and, below, daughter Claire

Top and left, girls with their certificates and in the classroom. Right, serving lunch

Takeover proves real lesson for schoolgirls

STUDENTS took over a school for a whole day last week.

More than 200 pupils were able to step into the shoes of their teachers and work at local companies for a day last Thursday.

About 100 students tried out jobs such as being a minister at Great Western Park, and another 100 took on staff jobs in school including that of the headteacher, site team and catering.

Stuart George, the school's head of development, said: "There was a lovely atmosphere around school - there was a real buzz and sense of whole school community as everyone got involved.

"I was impressed with how patient and cooperative students were when being taught by students younger than themselves."

A pupil said: "[I saw] teachers in a different light. Working with them out of teaching hours has really changed my opinion of them. They have to work really hard.

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Seven burglaries prompt the police to warn home-owners

By Samantha McGregor

NORTH Oxfordshire residents are being urged to ensure their homes are fully locked after a burglary spree across seven properties in one night.

Police said on Wednesday, June 21, burglars broke into or attempted to gain access to seven homes in Kidlington and Islip.

Four incidents took place in Wilsdon Way, Kidlington, another in Banbury Road, Kidlington, one in Lower Street, Islip, and another in Bletchingdon Road, also in Islip.

People are being reminded to close windows when they are out and ensure UPVC doors are fully locked using the key, not just pulled closed with the handle pushed up.

DC Simon Travis, based in the Investigation Team at Banbury police station, said: "Some residents do not realise that, if they close the door and lift the handle up from the inside, the door is in fact not securely locked.

"It is important to stress that the key must be used to turn the lock to make the door secure.

"If the key is not used, then in most cases the exterior handle can deactivate all of the multi-locks, resulting in just one catch holding the door in place.

"Making sure your doors are strong and secure, and that all windows are fitted with a lock, is a simple way to prevent thieves gaining easy access to your home."

Police also advise people to keep valuables out of sight, not to leave spare keys in obvious places, lock side gates and ensure property is marked.

For more information people should view crime prevention advice on the Thames Valley Police website.

Anyone who has information about the burglaries, or notes suspicious activity in their neighbourhood, should call police on 101, or 999 if a crime is in action.

Ten thousand reasons to be cheerful from the Thame Rotary Club

Erroll Bateman, Thame Rotary President, with charities' representatives. Picture: Thame Rotary

THAME Rotary Club raised almost £10,000 in the past year to help local charities and organisations.

Earlier the club hosted an end of year event at the Spread Eagle to reveal its fundraising total and thank communities across Thame and surrounding villages for their support.

Among this year's major rotary events was Erroll Bateman's Charity Sky Dive last July.

There was also the Thame Swimathon in February.

This year, the Red Kite Family Centre, Wheel Power and Hope and Homes for Children were the main charities who received support.

Marius Ciortan, of Rotary Club of Thame, said: "The Rotary Club of Thame is grateful to the local community for supporting Erroll's sky dive and Thame Swimathon, our major fundraisers.

"We are proud to make a contribution towards rescuing Red Kite Children's Centre from its imminent closure and to make a difference to projects managed by our charities."

News Bites

Cricket tender

THAME: The full tender documents for the redevelopment of Thame Cricket Club's pavilion, in Church Meadow, have been published on the government's 'contract finder' website.

The tender value is about £600,000 and the building work is expected to take place in 2017/18. The tender period closes on July 24.

Thame Town Council has urged local builders to bid for the work and have employed an agent, Simon Keen, of Ridge and Partners LLP.

For more information, contact Mr Keen on 01993 815068 or skeen@ridge.co.uk.

Wheelie bin fires

CHINNOR: The fire service has warned people to ensure ashes from bonfires and barbecues are completely cool before disposing of them.

It comes after three wheelie bins and a fence caught fire outside a property in Beech Road, Chinnor, at 5.46am on Tuesday, June 27,

Incident commander and watch manager Andy Ford said: "This incident has highlighted the danger of disposing of embers from a bonfire or barbecue before they have completely cooled down.

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WIN tickets to the Battle Proms at Blenheim Palace

SINCE their first concert in 1997 the Battle Proms have been treating their audiences to a heady mix of sublime classical music, carefully choreographed Spitfire and cavalry displays, dramatic cannon fire and stunning firework finales.

As the series enters its 20th anniversary year, the stunning parkland overlooking the iconic Column of Victory will once again play host to an expected crowd of over 8,000 happy picnickers, when the Battle Proms returns to Blenheim Palace on Saturday 22 July.

Now in its 13th year at Blenheim Palace, The Battle Proms takes much of its historical inspiration from the Napoleonic wars. As well as staging a colourful skill-at-arms cavalry display in full regalia, the Battle Proms is also the only place in the world you can see Beethoven's Battle Symphony performed as he intended. Written to celebrate a key victory during the Peninsula War, the Battle Symphony was composed to include 193 live firing cannons, not something you can find in your average concert hall! But the Battle Proms Team brings over 200 cannons to each of their concerts for use in Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and the Battle Symphony. It is this authentic, groundshaking and breathtaking percussion that makes the Battle Proms signature piece a truly remarkable experience.

Closing date: Thursday, July 13

And if this wasn't drama enough, the Battle Proms have worked closely with the Grace Spitfire team over the years to create one of the most carefully choreographed Spitfire displays you are likely to catch this summer. So much more than just a fly past, this display has the iconic plane dancing through the sky to the opening pieces of the orchestral performance by the 60 piece New English Concert Orchestra.

For more information , visit www.battleproms.com or call 01432 355 416.

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We have 6 pairs of tickets for this great occasion and to be in with a chance of winning one all you have to do is answer the following simple question:

Q: When was Beethoven's Battle Symphony composed?

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FED UP WITH SMELLY BINS? MAKE THEM WHEELIE CLEAN!

SUMMER'S here and that means one thing: your wheeled bins can start to smell a bit - or a lot. It's a rather dreary and unsurprising fact of life that wheelie bins do get dirty and smelly, and can become breeding grounds for germs and bacteria - and cleaning them can be a real hassle. Wouldn't you rather be doing something else more enjoyable with your time?

But if you live in the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse districts, help is at hand: just let Biffa's Wheelie Clean kerbside bin cleaning service take care of the dirty work, leaving you free to get on with enjoying some more of summer.

WHEELIE CLEAN IS HERE

The distinctive Wheelie Clean van has been out and about in the South Oxford and Vale areas for the past few weeks, attracting a lot of interest from residents. The idea of this new and effective bin cleaning service is, like most good ideas, simple. Following close in the wheel tracks of Biffa's refuse and recycling trucks as wheeled bins are collected and emptied across the two districts, the reliable and fast-working Wheelie Clean crew uses specialised high pressure spray equipment and hot water to wash, clean, disinfect and deodorise wheeled bins that are used for refuse, recycling or garden waste.

The Wheelie Clean van carries extra water so that every customer gets a fresh wash with fresh water. And it's also equipped with water collection equipment and a large waste tank so that dirty water doesn't go into residential drains.

CHOOSE WHEN THEY'RE CLEANED

You can choose the cleaning cycle that best suits your bins and your pocket. Biffa recommends that refuse bins (the grey ones) are cleaned every four weeks, and you can then decide whether to have your green recycling bin, food waste caddy and garden waste bin (the brown one) cleaned every four, eight or 12 weeks. The choice is yours.

Getting your wheeled bins cleaned to a sparkling high standard doesn't cost much either, especially if you take advantage of the 25% discount being offered to new customers who sign up by 30th November (quote discount code BWC25). The generous discount means cleaning your refuse bin every four weeks costs under £3 pm, while making your recycling bin and garden waste bin gleam and smell nice every 12 weeks costs less than £1 pm for each. So all three of your main wheeled bins can be cleaned during the first year for just under £5 pm!

There're a variety of easy payment options available by 'phone or online: you can make a one-off payment with a credit or debit card, as well as set up an annual or monthly direct debit scheme. And remember, the Wheelie Clean service is fully supported by a dedicated call centre whose friendly staff can sign you up, take your payment, or help answer any of your queries.

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Quick Clues Across

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8 Uses (7)
10 Idea (7)
11 Precipitous (5)
12 Go in (5)
13 Aliens (9)
16 Going without (9)
19 Confidence (5)
20 Very unpleasant (5)
22 Explanations (7)
23 Most sacred (7)
24 Stylish (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Animals (6)
2 Part of church (4)
3 Recompenses (13)
5 Hymns sung as clergy enter church (13)
6 Ponder (8)
7 Discourages (6)
9 Fashion (5)
14 Adjust (8)
15 Gazed (6)
17 Break (5)
18 Appointments (6)
21 Pip (4)

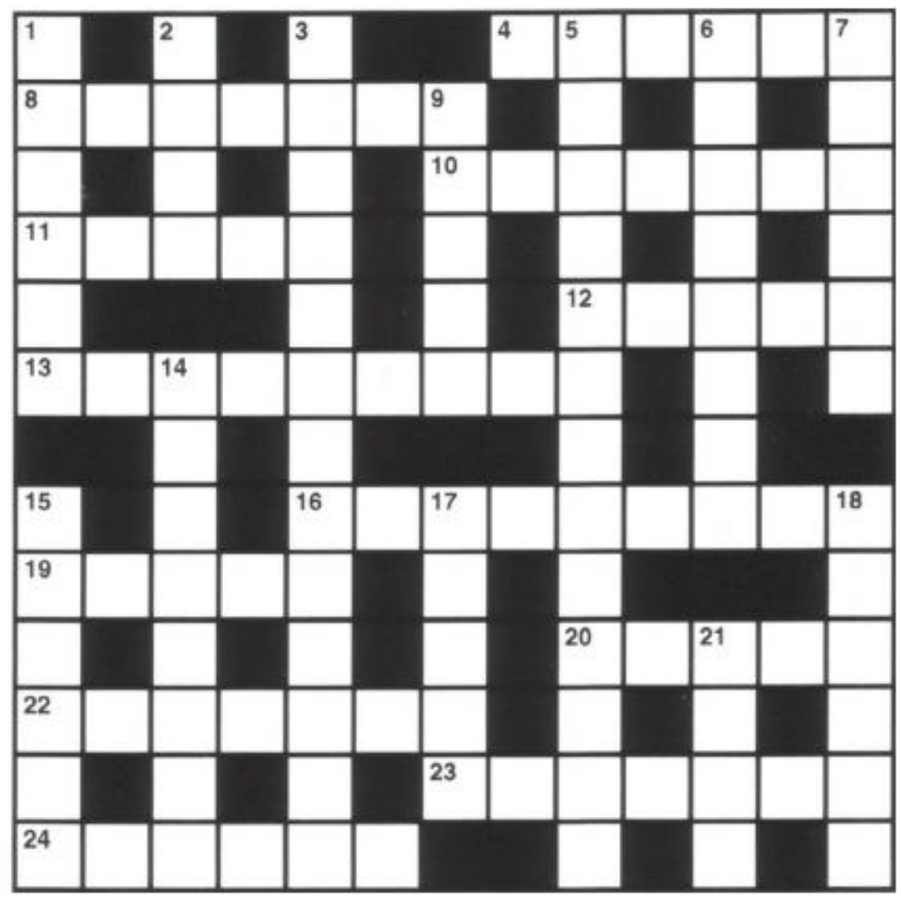
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 Pour out nothing revolutionary, and sounded pleased (6)
8 Sign the document to gain attention (7)
10 The king's daughter curtailed her brothers (7)
11 He set out for the ones near at hand (5)
12 In one way ties down without possessing regular movements (5)
13 Re-cancel a cheque's acceptance (9)
16 On strike, we sigh about what is of greater importance (9)
19 The department has nothing for the storehouse (5)
20 Thanks to the range of knowledge obtained (5)
22 Swindles about light chalks (7)
23 Beat the man for touching (7)
24 Seen at different material (6

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Feeling rotten on September 1st with a head cold (6)
2 Go back to the French for an amorous lock (4)
3 Better boon too for the famous question (2,2,2,3,2,2)
5 Somehow resent uniting around for a dull result (13)
6 Falling back to surrendering again (8)
7 Want of practice is found in the great actress (6)
9 Watering place in a European country (5)
14 He never forgets a trunk call (8)
15 Prepares about a hundred decrees (6)
17 Have confidence in the people administering the property (5)
18 Stay in some sort of mental balance (6)
21 Keen to be a member (4)



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Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Spiced 8 Employs 10 Thought 11 Steep 12 Enter 13 Strangers 16 Abstinent 19 Trust 20 Nasty 22 Reasons 23 Holiest 24 Dressy

Down: 1 Beasts 2 Apse 3 Compensations 5 Processionals 6 Cogitate 7 Deters 9 Style 14 Regulate 15 Stared 17 Smash 18 Trysts 21 Seed

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Purred 8 Engross 10 Princes 11 These 12 Tides 13 Clearance 16 Outweighs 19 Depot 20 Taken 22 Crayons 23 Tangent 24 Sateen

Down:1 Septic 2 Ogle 3 To be or not to be 5 Uninteresting 6 Receding 7 Disuse 9 Spain 14 Elephant 15 Edicts 17 Trust 18 Sanity 21Knee

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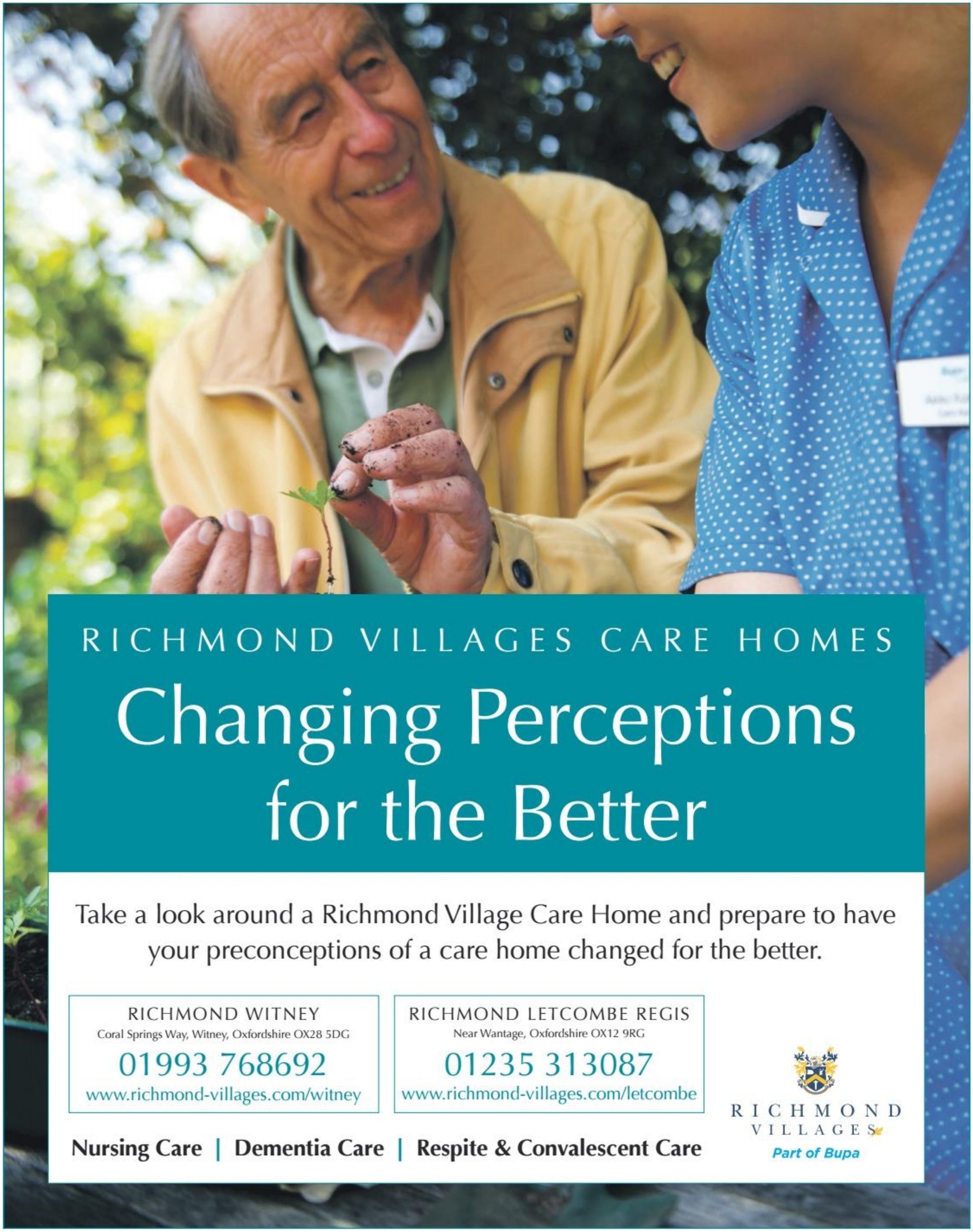
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6.00 Breakfast Headlines and business news. (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 Mary Berry Cooks** (S)(R) **12.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **12.15 Wimbledon 2017** Coverage from the All England Club. (S) **6.25 BBC News** (S) **6.35 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.45 Pointless Celebrities** A "food and drink" themed edition of the unorthodox general knowledge quiz. (S)(R)

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7.30 Pitch Battle Mel Giedroyc presents the fourth heat of the choral contest. (S)

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9.00 Casualty Ethan discovers Scott's brother Mickey is secretly in a relationship with Jez. (S)
9.50 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

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10.10 FILM Little Fockers (2010) (12) Comedy sequel, with Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro. (S)

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11.45 FILM Tropic Thunder (2008) (15) Comedy, directed by and starring Ben Stiller, with Jack Black and Robert Downey Jr. (S)

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1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.35** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Today at Wimbledon, 8.30pm

6.00 FILM Lucky Partners (1940) (U) (S) **7.35 John Mills: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) **8.15 FILM Scott of the Antarctic (1948) (U)** (S) **10.00 Athletics: Diamond League Highlights** (S) **11.00 Wimbledon 2017** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Father of the Bride (1950) (U)** (S) **2.30 Wimbledon 2017** Sue Barker presents further live coverage on day six. (S)

8.30 Today at Wimbledon Clare Balding introduces highlights of the sixth day's play at the All England Club. (S)

9.30 Museum of the Year Tristram Hunt presents coverage of Art Fund's 2017 ceremony. (S)

10.00 Mock the Week With Angela Barnes, Ed Byrne, Hal Cruttenden, Ed Gamble and Sara Pascoe. (S)(R)
10.30 QI XL With panellists Bill Bailey, Jo Brand and Greg Davies. (S)

11.15 FILM 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) (U) Sci-fi drama, with Keir Dullea and William Sylvester. (S)

1.30 FILM West (2014) (15) Drama, starring Jordis Triebel **3.05** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Voice Kids, 7.30pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 The Home Game** (S)(R) **10.20 FILM Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002) (PG)** (S) **1.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Sandown** (S) **4.00 The Chase** (S)(R) **5.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs** (S)(R) **5.30 Little Big Shots US** (S) **6.25 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.35 ITV News** (S) **6.45 Catchphrase** (S)

7.30 The Voice Kids Emma Willis presents as the battle phase begins. (S)

9.00 FILM Skyfall (2012) (12) James Bond hunts the mastermind behind a terrorist attack on MI6, and discovers a former agent with revenge in mind. Action thriller, starring Daniel Craig. (S)

10.05 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 FILM Skyfall (2012) (12) Continued. (S)

12.05 The Chase (S)(R) **1.00** Jackpot247 **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **3.50 ITV** Nightscreen

Channel 4

Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights, 5.30pm

6.10 Motor Sport: Caterham (S) **6.40 3rd Rock from the Sun** (S)(R) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.25 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.20 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.50 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S)(R) **1.20 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **4.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **5.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **5.30 Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights** (S)

7.00 FILM Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco and Andy Serkis. (S)

9.00 FILM Bridesmaids (2011) (15) A disorganised woman takes charge of her best friend's bridal party, but the wife of the groom's boss causes problems. Comedy, with Kristen Wiig. (S)

11.20 FILM Red Eye (2005) (12) Thriller, with Rachel McAdams and Cillian Murphy. (S)

12.55 Ramsay's Hotel Hell (S)(R) **1.45** Hollyoaks (S) **3.50** Ackley Bridge (S)(R) **4.45** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **5.15** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

Blind Date, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles The turtles begin to hope Splinter might have survived his battle with Shredder. (S) **10.45 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 2** (S)(R) **11.05 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **2.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R) **4.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **6.55 5 News Weekend** (S)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v South Africa. Highlights of the third day's play in the First Test of the four-match series, which took place at Lord's. (S)

8.00 Blind Date More lovelorn singletons seek a chance at romance. (S)

9.00 Big Brother Daily round-up of highlights, featuring more games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat, as well as reactions to the latest eviction. (S)

10.00 Live Championship Boxing Josh Taylor v Ohara Davies. Coverage of the bout for the Commonwealth Super Lightweight title. (S)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Emmerdale **9.20** Coronation Street **12.10** Take Me Out **1.20** Catchphrase **2.05** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.35** FILM: A Cinderella Story (2004) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray. **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40** FILM: A Cinderella Story (2004) (PG) Concluded. **4.30** FILM: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) (PG) Children's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp. **5.35** FYI Daily **5.40** FILM: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) (PG) Concluded. **6.45** FILM: Step Up 3 (2010) (12) Dance drama sequel, starring Rick Malambri. **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** FILM: Step Up 3 (2010) (12) Concluded. **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.15** FILM: Bring It On (2000) (12) **2.15** FYI Daily **2.20** FILM: Bring It On (2000) (12) **2.55** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote **8.45** The Darling Buds of May **9.55** FILM: The Mirror Crack'd (1980) (PG) **10.55** FYI Daily **11.00** FILM: The Mirror Crack'd (1980) (PG) **12.05** Bertie and Elizabeth **2.05** Hans Christian Andersen: My Life as a Fairy Tale **4.00** Wycliffe **5.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Britain and the Sea **8.00** Nature's Great Events **9.00** FILM: Mea Culpa (2014) (18) Premiere. Crime thriller, starring Vincent Lindon. **10.25** Titanic's Tragic Twin: The Britannic Disaster **11.25** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.35** Synth Britannia at the BBC **1.35** Synth Britannia **3.05** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Binky & JP's Baby: Born in Chelsea **9.30** Melissa & Joey **12.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** FILM: Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) (12) Comedy, starring Matthew Broderick. **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Die Hard 2 (1990) (18) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **11.25** Gogglebox **1.35** The Inbetweeners **2.35** Tattoo Fixers **3.30** Rude Tube **4.25** How I Met Your Mother

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.30** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes **10.30** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun **2.40** Come Dine with Me **5.25** Four in a Bed **8.00** Great Canal Journeys **9.00** The Great British Skinny Dip **10.05** The Naked Village **11.05** My Daughter the Teenage Nudist **12.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **2.20** Father Ted **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Step Up 4: Miami Heat (2012) (12) **1.00** Moomins on the Riviera (2014) (U) **2.35** Letters to Juliet (2010) (PG) Romantic drama, starring Amanda Seyfried. **4.40** Men in Black (1997) (PG) Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **6.35** The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011) (12) Comedy drama, starring Judi Dench and Bill Nighy. **9.00** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1 (2014) (12) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jennifer Lawrence. **11.20** Solomon Kane (2010) (15) Period fantasy thriller, starring James Purefoy. **1.25** I Love You Phillip Morris (2009) (15) **3.35** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Traffic Cops **7.35** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **7.50** Home Shopping **8.30** Top Gear **9.30** Brojects **10.30** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **11.30** Go 8 Bit: DLC **12.00** The Joy of Techs **1.00** Traffic Cops **3.00** Sin City Motors **5.00** Top Gear Africa Special **7.40** Not Going Out **9.40** Would I Lie to You? **11.00** FILM: Training Day (2001) (18) Thriller, starring Denzel Washington. **1.20** Reginald D Hunter Live **2.40** Mock the Week **3.15** Game of Arms **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 Birds of a Feather **7.40** The Last Detective **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** When the Boat Comes In **5.00** Porridge **7.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **8.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **11.55** Waking the Dead **2.20** The Lost World **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo **6.30** British and Irish Lions Tour **7.30** The F1 Show **8.00** Sky Sports Living For Sport Special **8.30** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.30** Futurama **4.00** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **5.00** Modern Family **7.00** Football's Funniest Moments **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** A League of Their Own: US Road Trip 2.0 **10.00** FILM: Underworld (2003) (15) Supernatural action thriller, starring Kate Beckinsale. **12.15** A League of Their Own **1.10** Most Daring **2.10** Night Cops **3.05** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **4.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.30** It's Me or the Dog **5.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town **8.00** The Guest Wing **9.00** The British **10.00** Storm City **11.00** FILM: Temple Grandin (2010) (PG) **1.05** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.15** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.50** Real Time with Bill Maher **2.00** Public Enemy **4.20** The British **5.10** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.10 Judge Faith **7.00** The Bill **12.00** EastEnders **2.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **5.30** My Family **6.15** My Family Christmas Special **7.20** My Family **8.00** One Born Every Minute **9.00** FILM: Jackie Brown (1997) (15) Crime drama, starring Pam Grier. **12.10** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **1.10** Inside the Ambulance **2.05** Resurrection **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 The Piglet Files **8.00** Porridge **8.40** One Foot in the Grave **9.20** Last of the Summer Wine **11.20** Porridge **5.40** Open All Hours **9.00** Still Open All Hours **11.00** The Young Ones **12.30** Black Books **1.35** Bill Hicks Live: Revelations **2.45** Garth Marenghi's Darkplace **3.10** House of Fools **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football League Gold **6.30** Football Gold **7.00** Super League Gold **7.15** Betfred Super League Highlights **7.30** Live British and Irish Lions Tour. **11.15** Great Sporting Moments **11.30** Sporting Greats **12.00** Live Formula 1. **2.40** The F1 Show **3.10** British and Irish Lions Tour **4.10** The F1 Show **4.40** Great Sporting Moments **4.55** Live Betfred Super League. Catalans Dragons v Wigan Warriors (kick-off 5.00pm). **7.00** British and Irish Lions Tour **8.00** Test Cricket **9.00** Test Cricket: The Verdict **9.15** British and Irish Lions Tour **10.15** Sporting Greats **10.45** Super League Gold **11.00** Premier League Legends **12.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **12.15** Super League Gold **12.30** Football Gold **1.00** British and Irish Lions Tour **2.00** Premier League Years **4.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **4.15** Sporting Heroes: Gary Newbon Interviews Rebecca Adlington **5.15** Premier League 100 Club **5.45** Spanish Football Gold

Sunday July 9th

BBC1

Countryfile, 7pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Athletics: London Anniversary Games** (S) **4.30 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **5.10 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.45 How to Holiday Better** (S) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

7.00 Countryfile Anita Rani visits a groundbreaking project in Northamptonshire. (S)

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate whether a painting in a B&B is the work of French artist Paul Delaroche. (S)(R)

9.00 Poldark Ross assembles a band of allies to free Dwight from prison. However, the rescue mission proves to have fatal consequences. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Sue Barker: Our Wimbledon (S)(R)

11.45 The Week the Landlords Moved In (S)(R)

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12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.50** BBC News (S)

BBC2

The Life Swap Adventure, 8pm

11.00 Nigel Slater: Eating Together (S)(R) **11.30 Hairy Bikers' Best of British** (S)(R) **12.15 Athletics: London Anniversary Games** (S) **1.15 FILM The Great Caruso (1951) (U)** (S) **3.00 Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World** (S)(R) **3.45 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **4.30 Rowing World Cup** (S) **5.30 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway: The Final Countdown** (S)(R)

7.00 Dragons' Den Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden, Touker Suleyman, Sarah Willingham and Nick Jenkins cast an eye over a parking app. (S)(R)

8.00 The Life Swap Adventure A Norwegian farmer who is tiring of his demanding life swaps places with a taxi driver from Devon. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 FILM Foxcatcher (2014) (15) Premiere. Fact-based drama, starring Steve Carell. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Sue Barker: Our Wimbledon (S)(R)

11.05 White Gold Vincent concocts a spectacular plot. Last in the series. (S)(R)
11.35 FILM The Goob (2014) (18) (S)

1.00 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **2.00** Holby City (S)(R) **3.00** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Celebrity Chase, 6.30pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Wild Animal Reunions** (S)(R) **10.15 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **11.15 Love Your Garden** (S)(R) **12.15 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.25 Babushka** (S)(R) **1.30 The Voice Kids** (S)(R) **3.00 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S)(R) **3.30 FILM Moonraker (1979) (PG)** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 The Celebrity Chase** (S)

7.30 The Voice Kids Will.i.am, Danny Jones and Pixie Lott must decide who out of the remaining trios will be chosen to go through to the semi-final. (S)

9.00 The Loch Annie finds murder weapons used by the killer and tracks the culprit down, leading to a dangerous confrontation in the dark corridors of the local hydro-electric dam. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Lethal Weapon Riggs makes a shocking discovery about Miranda's death. (S)(R)

11.20 Take Me Out Men try to impress 30 single women and win a date – but must get the female participants to keep their lights on as a sign of approval. (R)(S)

12.25 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

The Handmaid's Tale, 9pm

6.10 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **7.55 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Eat the Week** (S) **1.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.25 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** (S)(R) **3.10 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **4.10 Homes by the Sea** (S) **5.15 Channel 4 News** (S) **5.45 Formula 1 Austrian Grand Prix Highlights** (S)

8.00 Secrets of China's Forbidden City Documentary exploring the palace that housed Chinese emperors for 600 years. (S)

9.00 The Handmaid's Tale Offred remembers her family's escape attempt, leading to a shocking revelation about her life before the Gilead regime. (S)

10.00 Epidemic: When Britain Fought Aids The impact of the disease on British society. (S)
10.55 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown (S)(R)

11.55 FILM This Means War (2012) (12) Comedy, with Reese Witherspoon, Chris Pine and Tom Hardy. (S)

1.45 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **2.35** The Last Leg (S)(R) **3.30** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **3.55** Gillette World Sport (S) **4.25** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

OMG: Make Me a Famous Face, 10.05pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles April's psychic abilities grow in power. (S) **10.35 Access** Showbiz news and gossip. (S)(R) **10.40 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.35 FILM The Flintstones (1994) (U)** Live-action version of the cartoon comedy, with John Goodman. (S) **3.15 Inside Windsor Castle** The recent history of the royal residence. (S)(R)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v South Africa. (S)
7.55 5 News Weekend (S)

8.00 That's So 1990 Memories of the year Italy hosted the World Cup and prime minister Mrs Thatcher handed over the reins to John Major. (S)(R)

9.00 Big Brother Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. (S)

10.05 OMG: Make Me a Famous Face People undergoing cosmetic surgery to look like celebrities. (S)

11.05 FILM The Bounty Hunter (2010) (12) Action comedy, starring Gerard Butler and Jennifer Aniston. (S)

1.10 SuperCasino (S) **3.10** The Hotel Inspector (S)(R) **4.00** Britain's Greatest Bridges (S)(R) **4.50** Great Artists (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **9.00** Coronation Street **11.50** The Voice Kids **1.20** Ninja Warrior UK **2.20** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.55** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Neil Patrick Harris. **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) Concluded. **5.00** FILM: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Rupert Everett. **6.00** FYI Daily **6.05** FILM: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) (PG) Concluded. **7.10** FILM: Gravity (2013) (12) Premiere. Thriller, starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20** FILM: Gravity (2013) (12) Concluded. **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Aftersun **11.05** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.55** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 George and Mildred **6.25** Hans Christian Andersen: My Life as a Fairy Tale **8.00** Heartbeat **10.20** Murder, She Wrote **11.15** The Darling Buds of May **12.30** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **2.50** Wycliffe **3.55** Foyle's War **6.00** Doc Martin **8.00** The Booze Cruise 2: The Treasure Hunt **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **3.30** May the Best House Win **5.10** Rising Damp **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Royal Ballet: Woolf Works **9.00** Horizon: Space Volcanoes **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** Destination Titan **11.30** The Search for Life: The Drake Equation **12.30** Nature's Great Events **1.30** The Royal Ballet: Woolf Works **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Hollyoaks **11.00** Binky & JP's Baby: Born in Chelsea **12.00** New Girl **1.00** Kevin Can Wait **1.30** The Big Bang Theory **6.00** FILM: 101 Dalmatians (1996) (U) Disney comedy adventure remake, starring Glenn Close. **8.00** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Special **9.00** FILM: The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) (15) Comedy sequel, starring Simon Bird. **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.05** Rude Tube **1.05** Tattoo Fixers **2.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.55** Gogglebox **3.45** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location **12.05** Come Dine with Me **2.45** Four in a Bed **5.25** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The Secret Life of the Zoo **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** Sarah Millican – Home Bird Live **11.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **12.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **2.15** The Secret Life of the Zoo **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) (PG) Comedy, starring Frankie Howerd. **1.00** The Phantom (1996) (12) Superhero adventure, starring Billy Zane. **3.00** Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1998) (PG) Romantic drama, starring Drew Barrymore and Dougray Scott. **5.20** A Thousand Words (2012) (12) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **7.15** Europa Report (2013) (12) Premiere. Sci-fi thriller, starring Daniel Wu and Sharlto Copley. **9.00** Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (2014) (12) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Andy Serkis. **11.45** The Quiet Ones (2014) (15) Horror, starring Jared Harris. **1.45** To the Wonder (2012) (12) Drama, starring Ben Affleck. **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Top Gear **9.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **10.00** Traffic Cops **12.00** Top Gear **1.00** Would I Lie to You? **2.20** Top Gear Africa Special **5.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Live at the Apollo **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Mock the Week **2.50** Game of Arms **3.35** The Indestructibles **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 The Bill **10.45** Call the Midwife **2.45** Catherine Cookson's The Gambling Man **5.45** The Musketeers **7.00** Jonathan Creek **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.20** Spooks **12.40** Call the Midwife **1.50** The Lost World **3.25** Garden Hopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.30** Spider-Man: Homecoming: Special **10.00** Drone Racing League **12.00** WWE Raw Hits **1.00** David Attenborough's Wild City **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Zoo **12.00** A League of Their Own: US Road Trip 2.0 **1.00** A League of Their Own **2.00** Night Cops **3.00** Most Daring **4.00** It's Me or the Dog **5.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Guest Wing **9.00** Storm City **11.00** House **2.00** San Francisco 2.0 **3.00** Ferrell Takes the Field **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.25** Riviera **1.25** Nurse Jackie **2.00** Twin Peaks: The Return **3.10** Nurse Jackie **4.10** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.00 Passport Patrol **6.35** Your Home in Their Hands **8.00** MasterChef USA **1.00** Doctor Who **3.10** My Family **3.50** My Family Christmas Special **5.00** Outnumbered **7.00** One Born Every Minute **10.00** Educating Yorkshire **11.00** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.00** One Born Every Minute **1.00** MasterChef Australia **1.50** Resurrection **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.30 The Piglet Files **8.30** Last of the Summer Wine **11.10** Still Open All Hours **1.10** Porridge **3.40** Open All Hours **7.00** Still Open All Hours **11.00** Men Behaving Badly **12.20** Inside No 9 **1.40** The Life of Rock with Brian Pern **2.20** Brian Pern: A Life in Rock **3.00** Limmy's Show **4.00** Home Shopping

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Top names pack Big Feastival

By Samantha McGregor

The trademark Vintage Fair will be back this year at Big Feastival, along with a host of big names from the world of music and food

A STRING of top musicians and chefs have been announced for this year's Big Feastival.

Taking place over the bank holiday weekend, August 25 to 27, at Alex James' Farm, Kingham, near Chipping Norton, visitors will be spoilt for choice.

Chefs including Rick and Jack Stein, Antonio Carluccio and Robin Gill will demonstrate their culinary skills and cooking secrets.

Headline musical acts such as Madness, Hacienda Classical, De La Soul, Dodgy, The Cribs, Olly Murs, Wille and the Bandits and Top Loader have already been confirmed.

For the family, children's TV stars Justin Fletcher, Dick and Dom and Paw Patrol will be on hand to entertain, as will the vintage fun fair, Big Top, sports and Royal Shakespeare Company.

Haçienda Classical will kick off the weekend with nostalgic dance songs accompanied by a full classical orchestra plus special guests Mike Pickering, Graeme Park, New Order's Peter Hook and Happy Mondays' Shaun Ryder and Rowetta.

Pop favourite Olly Murs tops the Saturday night bill and the festival will come to a close with British giants Madness on the Sunday.

Top chefs, restaurateurs and firm family favourites will be sharing pearls of culinary wisdom in the NEFF Big Kitchen including Rick Stein and son Jack, two Michelin star chef Nathan Outlaw, celebrity TV chef Cyrus Todiwala, restaurateurs José Pizarro, Mark Hix and Robin Gill, alongside Great British Bake Off winner Candice Brown.

For those who are keen to roll up their sleeves and have a go, the NEFF Cookaholics Cookery School offers a hands-on experience where visitors learn how to get creative in the kitchen.

While youngsters can get creative in the NEFF Little Kitchen, led by TV favourites Tom and Henry Herbert, providing interactive cookery classes to encourage budding young chefs to try something new.

Founder Alex James said: "It's an honour to host The Big Feastival on the farm for the sixth year running.

"With the incredible line-up, there's something for the whole family, this is going to be our biggest and best year yet."

Adult tickets cost from £64. For more information about prices, go to thebigfeastival.com.

TV favourite at Piano Bar

BRITAIN'S Got Talent semi-finalist Reuben Gray is to perform an intimate gig in the New Theatre's Piano Bar.

The 16-year-old multi-instrumentalist rose to fame in the most recent series of the ITV show.

Reuben, who plays the piano and saxophone, won audiences hearts when his dad, who works away from home a lot, surprised him by turning up for the audition.

He got a standing ovation from the audience and judges, and Simon Cowell said: "You've got talent, you really have."

The hour-long set will include the song Reuben wrote and performed at his Britain's Got Talent audition, Lifeline, in front of judges Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and David Walliams.

More recently, Reuben has been working on his debut EP and writing new songs.

Limited tickets for this intimate performance cost £10 each.

They are now on sale from the New Theatre box office on George Street, Oxford, by calling 0844 871 3020 or by visiting the website: atgtickets.com/oxford.

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What a Feeling to be had when Flashdance returns

By Samantha McGregor

STRICTLY Come Dancing champion Joanne Clifton and A1's Ben Adams will play lead roles in an upcoming production of Flashdance.

Joanne will play the role of Alex, and Ben will play Nick when the show arrives at the New Theatre, Oxford from September 18 to 23.

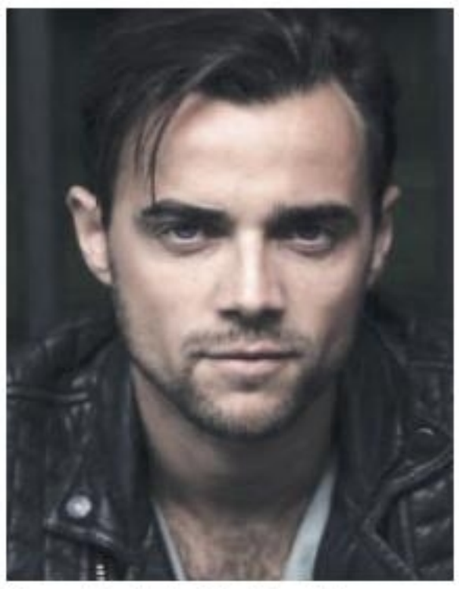
The musical has returned to the UK stage for the first time since 2011.

Flashdance tells the story of 18-year-old Alex, a welder by day and 'flashdancer' by night, who dreams of going to the prestigious Shipley Dance Academy and becoming a professional dancer. When a romance complicates her ambitions, she harnesses it to drive her dream.

Joanne is a World and European champion ballroom dancer, and won both the main Strictly glitter ball with Ore Oduba last year and the Christmas Special in 2015 with Harry Judd.

She made her musical theatre debut in the role of Streetwalker in the UK premiere of the Irving Berlin musical Face The Music, and was nominated for an Off West End Award.

Double Strictly winner Joanne Clifton



Former head chorister Ben Adams

She also played Marilyn Monroe in the Norma Jeane Musical and Millie Dillmount in the UK tour of Thoroughly Modern Millie.

Joanne said: "I think everyone in the world, whether dancer or non-dancer, as soon as they hear What a Feeling remember that iconic scene at the end of the film and I'm so incredibly lucky that I get to do that every night in a UK tour along with fabulous numbers like She's a Maniac."

Ben has been singing and performing since the age of eight, starting his career as head chorister at St Margaret's, Westminster Abbey.

He has sung for royalty, the Pope, toured across Europe and recorded two classical albums.

At 16, he became the lead singer of the band A1, who racked up 10 million record sales, two UK number ones, five studio albums and toured throughout the world, winning a Brit award, among many others.

When the band split, Ben took to the studio and is now a song writer and producer.

He has worked with the likes of Craig David, JLS, Ward Thomas, Sam Bailey, Boyzone and Alexandra Burke.

His new classical solo album, 1981, will be launched next year.

Ben said: "It's amazing to be part of such an iconic story, and as an 80s child I was brought up on this music so I couldn't be happier playing Nick in the theatre production of Flashdance."

Tickets are available from the New Theatre box office on 0844 871 3020.

Sounds good to me

BANBURY: The Science of Sound exhibition that has opened at Banbury Museum picks up good vibrations.

It is a hands-on exhibition from the Science Projects of London, and explores how sound is made and how it travels.

It runs until September 2.

Tree cheers for rock

MUSIC: Rock festival 2000Trees Festival opens today and runs until Saturday.

The independent, green-fields rock festival, at Upcote Farm near Cheltenham, will see performances by Frank Carter and the Rattlesnakes, Lower Than Atlantis, Mallory Knox, The Menzingers, Honeyblood and Skinny Lister.

For more details, go to twothousandtreesfestival.co.uk.

Christmas is coming

OXON: It may only be July, but one Oxfordshire attraction has already got an eye on the festive season.

Tickets have gone on sale for Christmas at Blenheim, an after dark festive trail of lights in the palace grounds.

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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing **too little, too late** to protect their hard-earned assets.

Paul King, Head of April King Legal

Care Cost Fees

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for these services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate was counted in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Sometimes people think that if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn remarriage usually cancels a Will and makes the spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children! Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the burden on children should ill health happen further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."

"The Lasting Power of Attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."

Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with other firms before approaching the Firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of Wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has."

"Bloodline Trust Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These type of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wording in these Wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."

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Twist on tale from Dickens

By Samantha McGregor

MAGDALEN College School Theatre Academy is set to return to the Oxford stage with new production Children of the Night.

The play, a contemporary re-imagining of Dickens' haunting novel Oliver Twist, is a modern tale of friendship and survival.

It takes to the stage at the Oxford Playhouse from tonight (Thursday) and runs until Saturday.

Children of the Night is a story about the forgotten, the neglected and the damned.

It centres on young lives that are lived in the shadows and subject to exploitation and violent crime.

It weaves in and out of the lives of Duck, JD, Angel, the Rif Rafs and the Scuttlers as they strive to survive in a cold world encountering unfathomable dangers, evil and sometimes, in the most unexpected situations, love, hope and friendship.

The production has been devised by Joanne Pearce, Royal Shakespeare Company associate artist, and Rose Noble.

It stars Tom Klenerman, whose previous credits include playing the lead role in Charlie and The Chocolate Factory at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

Children of the Night is told through word, dance and live music.

This production is in partnership with Oxford Homeless Pathways, to raise awareness of homelessness.

The academy said more than 150million children around the globe live on the streets and their days are spent begging, thieving and searching for safe accommodation, cheek by jowl with the wealthy and complacent.

It said an important piece of theatre is to pinpoint current issues faced in Oxfordshire and across the UK.

Tickets for Children of the Night at Oxford Playhouse start at £11.50 and are available from the ticket office on 01865 305305 or by going to oxfordplayhouse.com.

Flywheel is a soaraway success

BICESTER'S annual Flywheel Festival, a celebration of classic cars and planes, was once again a huge success.

There was something for everyone: planes performing daring acrobatics, classic cars and motorbikes racing around the track, as well as all things vintage including fair rides, clothing and memorabilia.

More than 100 competition cars, bikes and dozens of aircraft were on the site, a former Second World War bomber base, now Bicester Heritage, of Skimmingdish Lane, for the weekend. The event took place over the weekend of June 24 and 25 with motor car demonstrations and flying displays both days.

The smell of oil, burning rubber and hot engines added to the atmosphere and the backdrop of the former base buildings gave the entire event a real 1940s feel.

We enjoyed the chance to get up close to the vintage cars and planes, and loved the enthusiasts and Second World War groups who brought along memorabilia and had dressed up to play the part of days gone by.

Displays included the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire display, the Sioux/Scout helicopter pair, Tiger 9 Aeronautical Display Team, Pitts Special, Great War Display Team and the Spitfire IX MH434/Hispano Buchon pair.

The setting was fantastic, just perfect for this type of festival.

We also spotted a number of residents sitting in Skimmingdish Lane enjoying the view.

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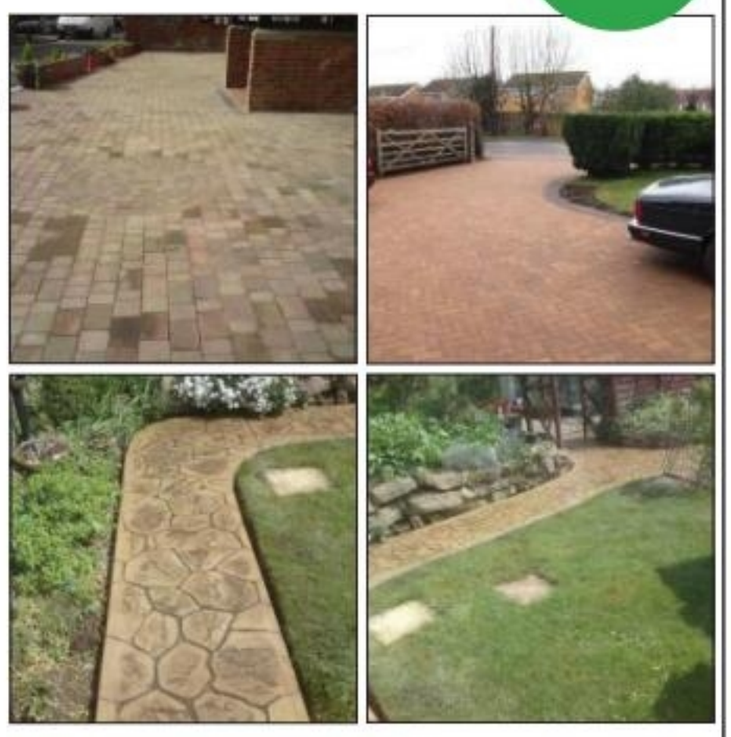

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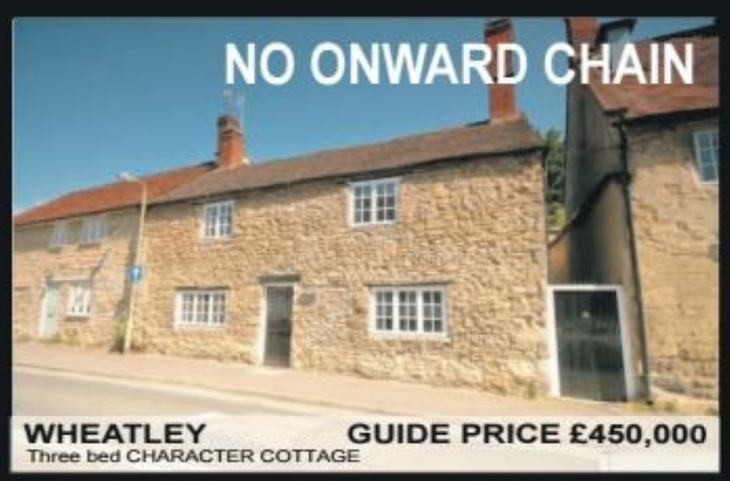

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Sharon added: "We would encourage anyone who missed out on the chance to own a home at Great Western Park to come and see the stylish new homes available at our nearby Abbotts Meadow development." Call 0844 811 4333 or visit dwh.co.uk.

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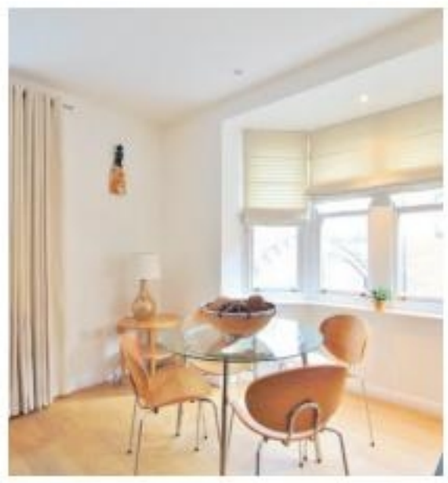

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Oxford buy-to-let predictions up to 2037

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford

On several occasions over the last few months in my Oxford Property Blog, I have touched on the fact that the rate of rental inflation (i.e. how much rents are rising by) has eased over the last year. At the same time I flagged that in some parts of the UK rents had actually dropped for the first time in more than eight years. Research backs this up this prediction.

Rents in Oxford for new tenancies fell by 0.4 per cent in the last 12 months (i.e. not existing tenancies). When we compare that current rate with the historical rental inflation in Oxford, an interesting pattern emerges:

- 2016 - Rental Inflation in Oxford was 5.1 per cent
- 2015 - Rental inflation in Oxford was 9.4 per cent
- 2014 - Rental Inflation in Oxford was 3.2 per cent

The reason behind this change depends on which side of the demand/supply equation you are looking from. On the demand side (from the tenants' point of view), there is the uncertainty of Brexit and the fact that salaries are not keeping up with inflation for the first time in three years.

Critically this means tenants have less disposable income to pay their rent. As an aside, it is interesting to note that nationally, rent accounts for 29 per cent of a tenant's take home pay.

On the supply side of the equation (landlords' point of view), Brexit also creates uncertainty. However, the biggest issue was a massive upsurge of new rental properties coming on to the market in late 2016, caused by George Osborne's new three per cent stamp duty tax for landlords in the first part of 2016.

This meant a lot of new rental properties were 'dropped' onto the rental market all at the same time as landlords scrabbled to buy before the new tax was introduced.

The greater choice of rental properties for tenants curtailed rental growth/inflation. A slight softening of Oxford property prices has compounded this.

Figures from The Bank of England suggested that first time buyers rose over the last 12 months as some were more inclined to buy instead of rent. Together, these factors played a part in the ongoing moderation of rental growth.

The lead-up to the general election didn't help: after all, people don't like doubt and uncertainty. So now that the government has a mandate for going forward over the next five years, hopefully that has removed any stumbling blocks stopping tenants making the decision to move home. Although, it hardly feels like a five-year government!

Whether it be 'hard' or 'soft' Brexit (and with the election result the Tories might have to be 'softer' on those negotiations) the simple fact is, we aren't building enough properties for us to live in.

In Oxford, the south east and the wider UK, long-term population trends imply that rents will soon be growing faster than inflation again. Look at the projections by the Office of National Statistics:

Population estimates for Oxford City Council over the next 20 years

2016 (actual)	161,870
2021	166,412
2026	171,231
2031	176,689
2036	180,045

Tenants will still require a vibrant and growing rental sector to deliver them housing options in a timely manner. As the population grows in Oxford, and further afield, any restriction to the supply of rental properties (brought about by poor returns for landlords) cannot be in the long-term best interest of tenants.

Simply put, rents must go up! I see this as a short-term blip and rents will continue to grow in the coming years. With rents only accounting for 29 per cent of a tenant's disposable income, the ability for most tenants to absorb a rent increase does exist.

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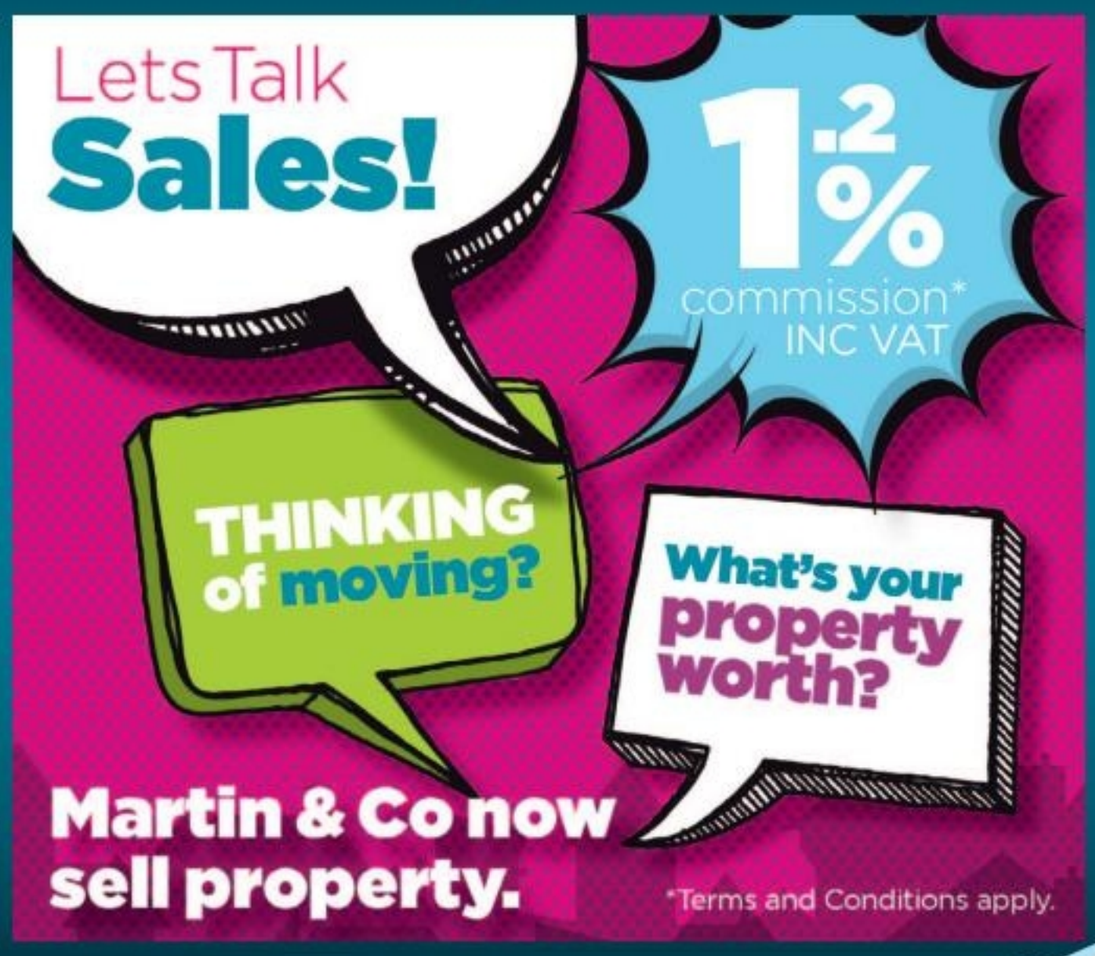

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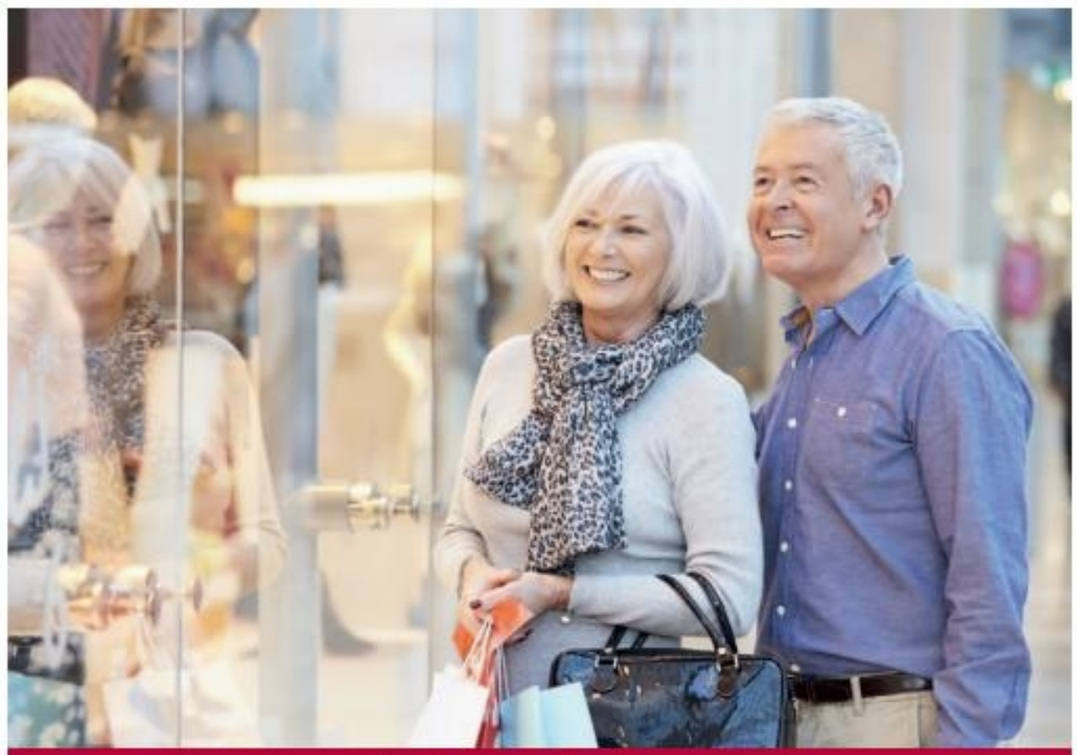

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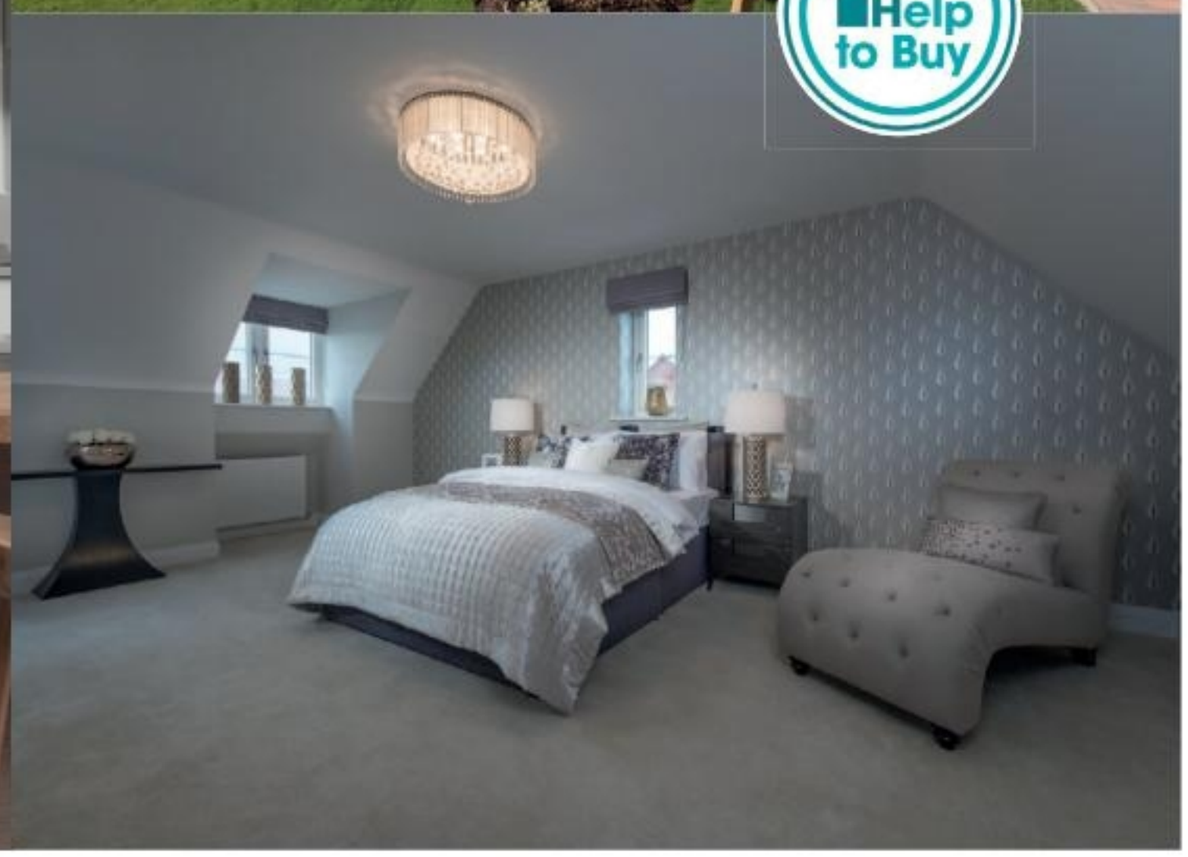

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By **Tony Yates**

SOME of us will go out and buy a new car based on what's currently the hottest car of the moment – I myself, tend to do the opposite of this and instead go and look at what I would consider to be the outsider - the underdog as to say.

Of course I'm not saying that this week's test of the C3 is any of those things.

But, for it to stand any chance of doing well, the new C3 will have to pull off something pretty special if it wants to take sales away from the likes of Ford, Fiat or Vauxhall.

Saying that though, Citroen does tend to have a knack of making a good small car – so I'm really not that worried .

For a start off, it actually looks pretty good – and that's half the battle won when you place a new product against the competition.

So, to find out if the C3 really is as good as the glossy brochure sitting in front of me says it is – then let's get a move on and see if it's a worthy contender in a market currently flooded with likeable small cars from a range of different manufacturers.

Power and Efficiency:

The C3 I currently have on test is powered by a three cylinder 1199cc - five speed turbo charged petrol engine that has 110HP and a very respectable top speed of 117mph, plus a 0-62 time of 9.3 seconds - which in my book is not too bad at all for a three cylinder.

Fuel consumption is also very good with a combined figure of 61.4mpg.

On the road:

It's a little soft, but into the corners it feels very well balanced.

A big plus for the C3 is that it has a decent amount of torque – in fact it has 205Nm of it - which allows it to pull very well from pretty much any gear – which surprisingly, made the C3 a joy to drive no matter what the road conditions were.

The brakes also felt good and firm – as for the suspension - it actually absorbs England's bumpy roads really well, although as I said earlier - it was a little bouncy, but in a fun way.

Design & Technology:

As with all Citroens, the interior is not bad – but I don't like how Citroen have mixed up the interior colours.

For instance, my test car was fitted with brown patches all over it – and that really didn't work for me at all.

On a positive note though – it does have easy to read dials and all the controls are in the right place and well set out.

There is however a small problem. Some of the interior plastics look cheap, and I think they should have dumped the fancy colourful interior and instead paid a little bit more attention to some of the plastics used on the inside.

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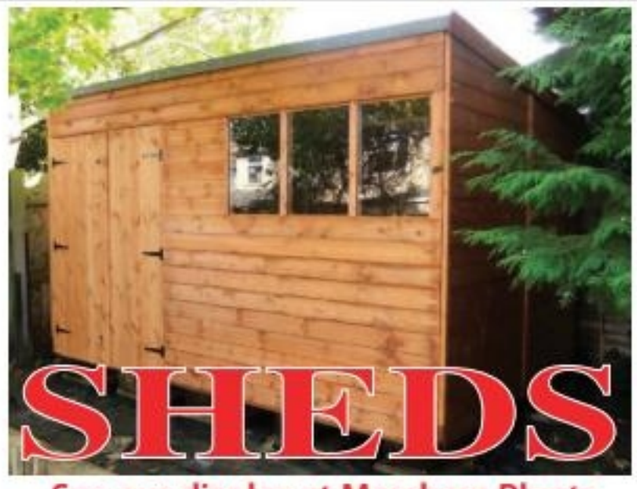

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Renault looking to bounce right back

Renault are looking to make a positive turnaround in Spielberg. Picture: Renault Sport Formula One Team

Formula One

By Adam Flinn

RENAULT are looking to put the disappointment of Azerbaijan behind them as they look to bounce back at this Sunday's Austrian Grand Prix.

The Enstone-based squad were the only team out of the 10 on the grid not to score any points in Baku as both their cars retired.

Jolyon Palmer was forced into the pits after just seven laps with mechanical problems, while Nico Hulkenberg hit the barrier while running in the points.

It was certainly a missed opportunity for Renault to get some big points on the board when a lot of the front-running drivers hit problems, and are looking to make amends this weekend at the Red Bull Ring.

Renault Sport Racing managing director Cyril Abiteboul said: "For Renault, there is frustration since Montreal [on June 11].

"We feel the car is much more competitive and that was experienced right from the start of the weekend in Baku, but unfortunately this didn't translate into points.

"Looking to Austria, we are confident. We will start to see further improvements on the car and we aim to make a fresh and positive turnaround in Spielberg.

"We are fully committed to ensuring we get to the right milestones and catch up on lost points from Baku."

Being from just up the road in Germany, Hulkenberg is also relishing the chance to return to the scenic Red Bull Ring.

He said: "The atmosphere is very relaxed and lots of German fans make the short trip over the border so yes, it almost feels like a home race for me.

"It's a short track with not too many corners. On paper, it looks easy but to get a good lap time it isn't so simple.

"Last year was fantastic to be on the front row – I managed to string a good lap together in Q3. It was just a shame not to follow that up in the race."

2020 Olympics to have 'little bit of Blenheim'

David Evans, right, and his team. Picture: Blenheim International Horse Trials

Horse Trials

THERE will be a little bit of Blenheim at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020 after a Blenheim-based course designer was chosen to build the cross-country horse trials course.

David Evans, course-designer and course-builder at the SsangYong Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials, and his team will build the Derek di Grazia-designed course in Japan's capital.

Evans, who lives near Blenheim, is considered one of Britain's best and most popular course-builders.

Among his many accolades he has worked at venues such as Chatsworth, Bramham, Gatcombe and Burgham, as well as events in Europe such as Luhmühlen CCI4.

He said: "I have visited the site – it is fantastic and involves very interesting terrain.

"The organising committee are very welcoming and are doing everything in their power to help us."

Evans and his team built the Mike Etherington-Smith-designed track at the 2008 Olympics in Hong Kong.

Last year he designed Blenheim's CIC3 track and, earlier this year, he took over the CCI3 course at the SsangYong Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials for the first time.

Event director Mandy Hervieu said: "I am delighted that David and his excellent team have been awarded this prestigious contract for Tokyo.

"Blenheim's cross-country courses are superbly built and beautifully presented, with outstanding attention to detail, and it is great to think that there will once more be a 'little bit of Blenheim' at the Olympics."

Williams aim for double points finish

Formula One

A DOUBLE points finish is the target for Williams this weekend in Austria after the team produced its strongest showing of the season last time out in Azerbaijan.

Lance Stroll took his first Formula One podium with third place, while Felipe Massa thought he could have won had his suspension not failed just after the mid-race stoppage.

And with two podiums at the Red Bull Ring since 2014, chief engineer Paddy Lowe thinks a strong result this year is possible.

He said: "We got a front row lockout in 2014, so we hope the car should be quick once again so we can see how far towards the front we can get in qualifying.

"After Lance's podium and Felipe's strong but ultimately frustrated race in Azerbaijan, we have in our sights a double points finish this weekend."

Banbury-based Haas have a similar target in mind, having scored points in each of the last four races through at least one of their drivers, Romain Grosjean and Kevin Magnussen.

It was Magnussen that brought home six points for seventh place last time out, and he is confident of being able to fight in the top-10 once again in Austria. He said: "I definitely feel that at each race points are possible, which is a really cool feeling."

Smith blasts back from crash

Bradley Smith whizzes round the German circuit. Picture: Gold and Goose

MotoGP

A CHUFFED Bradley Smith headed into the summer break on the back of a much improved showing in the German MotoGP.

The Red Bull KTM rider from Forest Hill finished 14th at the Sachsenring on Sunday to pick up two points – a week after he crashed out of the Dutch MotoGP in Assen.

Smith said: "After a disappointing Assen we've come back to something that we knew, tried and tested with a setting this morning that I felt happier with.

"I'm pleased with the outcome, putting right last week's crash at Assen with a solid performance and finish before we head into part two of the season."

It was a good day for the Austrian team, who are in their debut season in the premier class.

Smith crossed the line four seconds behind teammate Pol Espargaro, who finished 13th and collected three points.

KTM also ran a third bike with test rider Mika Kallio missing out on the points by 0.08 of a second.

The team continue to develop the RC16 bike with two days of testing in Aragon, Spain today and tomorrow.

Smith will return to the grid at the Czech Republic MotoGP on August 6 following a five-week break.

Bicester come agonisingly close to victory

Cricket

DAN Savin's all-round heroics for Bicester and North Oxford Cricket Club (BNOCC) were all in vain as they lost by six runs at home to Horley.

His innings of 90 saw BNOCC enter the final over of the game just 10 away from the target of 241, but it wasn't meant to be.

Earlier, after Horley had won the toss and elected to bat, Savin's opening burst of 4-29 had reduced them to 31-4 but thanks to David Clark (104), the visitors recovered.

The Horley tail wagged with cameos from David Eaton (28), Steve Palmer (15) and Jamie Abbotts (15) getting them to a par score.

In reply, openers Matt Collins (19) and Olly Ward (28) got Bicester off to a solid start with a first wicket partnership of 48. However, this was abruptly broken when Horley took three wickets without Bicester advancing the score, leaving them 48-3.

Savin and Ryan Moore (26) took the total towards 100 but Moore was stumped and Chris de Kock fell shortly after for six.

Graham Savin joined his son at the crease with BNOCC still requiring 117 off 18 overs. Father and son put together a partnership of 78 before Savin senior was caught behind off the bowling of Jamie Abbotts for 36.

Wickets continued to fall and last man Lewis Moore joined Savin junior out in the middle with 16 needed from 11 balls.

After some good running between the wickets, BNOCC narrowed this down to them needing seven from four. However in trying to hit a short ball from Abbotts, Savin got a bottom edge and the ball removed the bails, leaving BNOCC devastated.

Duo sign on for the Stars

Ice Hockey

TWO players couldn't hide their excitement as they extended their contracts at Oxford City Stars.

Netminder and last season's coach's player of the year Mark Duffy has agreed to a second campaign at Oxpens Road, while defenceman Jake Florey has signed on for a fifth season.

In his first season at Oxford, having joined the Bracknell Hornets, Duffy appeared between the pipes for 23 games and had a save percentage of 85.4 per cent.

He said: "I really enjoyed last year with the team and the season really was a great one for me personally.

"I couldn't have been happier when I was asked to return. I'm really hoping to play a big part in the success of this club this year and in the years to come and can't wait to get started."

Florey, who also picked up awards at the Stars annual end of season awards, said: "I'm excited to be back playing for Oxford this year, and to face different teams and challenges following the re-shuffling of the league structure.

"The whole setup this year makes the Stars and exciting organisation to play for, and I can't wait to get back training."

Head coach Kenny Redmond said "solid defenceman" Florey and "key player" Duffy will play a major role for the Stars in the season ahead.

'Walking football is better than medicine or therapy'

Walking Football

A MAN who lost the use of his legs for two years after falling from a ladder has praised Witney's walking football club for kick starting his return to health.

Chipping Norton resident Paul Westley said the developing sport is "better than any medicine or therapy" as he continues to recover from his injuries.

The 67-year-old had retired to live in France when he fell from an extended ladder when cutting a large bough from an Acacia tree.

His injuries were life threatening, leaving him unable to use his left arm and with a shattered left leg – it took two years before he was able to walk again.

Having returned to the UK last year, Paul believed the severity of his injuries, which included a reconstructed left leg and a titanium plate in his right ankle, meant his sporting days were over.

He said: "I had lost significant fitness and muscle strength, while spending considerable time lying on my back, in a wheelchair and then crutches had had a detrimental effect on my mental well-being in terms of confidence and self-worth."

However, Paul tried his first walking football session at the Windrush Leisure Centre in Witney in December 2016.

He said that, after overcoming his nerves, "the initial session has led to a weekly 'pick me up' which is better than any medicine or therapy".

Paul, who attends sessions twice a week in Witney and Chipping Norton Leisure Centre, added:

Paul Westley

"The walking football sessions have given me the opportunity to become physically active again, at my own pace, in safe surroundings and with a group of people from all backgrounds who share much of the same motivation."

Walking football, which uses sin bins for players that breach the no running rule, is a slower-paced version of the sport and is accessible to all regardless of age, health or ability.

The rules centre around the key principles of no running, low contact and no 'over head height' kicks.

The FA lunched comprehensive laws of the game in February.

Visit tinyurl.com/rx8y87d for more information and for sessions across Oxfordshire.

Consistent Pepperell just shy of the top-20

Golf

CONSISTENCY was key for Abingdon golfer Eddie Pepperell who finished tied for 23rd at the HNA Open de France.

The Frilford Heath member carded three consecutive rounds of level par to put himself in contention for a top-20 finish on the final day in Paris.

The 26-year-old finished on two-under par for round four and the tournament, held at Le Golf National course, after a final-round 69 on Sunday.

Pepperell birdied the first and ninth holes in the fourth round before he dropped a shot on the par-four 12th hole.

But the world 328 responded with a birdie at the 15th to finish on 282 for the tournament, 10 strokes behind winner Tommy Fleetwood.

Pepperell then failed to qualify for the 146th The Open Championship following a two-round qualifying event in Kent on Tuesday.

He followed up a first round of 73 with a second round of 72 at the Royal Cinque Ports to finish tied 17th.

This left him three-over par for the tournament and four shots off a qualification play-off place.

Only 15 players from five final qualification tournaments qualified for the The Open, which will tee off at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Merseyside on July 20.

Canadian Austin Connelly and Englishmen Robert Dinwiddie and Matthew Southgate booked their slot via Royal Cinque Ports.

Eddie Pepperell

One in, one out at Oxford City

Oxford City

OXFORD City have signed their fifth player of the summer following the addition of versatile midfielder Eddie Jones.

Hoops boss Mark Jones' latest recruit ended last season with AFC Telford having spent time at National League side Solihull Moors earlier in the season.

A product of the Forest Green academy, Eddie Jones captained their under-18s to a league cup win in 2009 before signing for Gloucester City AFC in the National League North in 2010.

A year later Eddie Jones travelled across the Atlantic to play for MLS side DC United's Under-23s in the USA.

He was selected for the Wales University squad for the home nations tournament in 2012, winning a runner ups medal and the honour of representing the Great Britain Universities side.

Eddie Jones is the fifth player to join the Court Place Farm side ahead of the 2017/18 season following the arrival of defender Joe Oastler and forwards Matt Paterson, David Pearce and Justin Bennett.

Going the other way, however, is young full back Matt Peake-Pijnen who has joined up with former City boss Mike Ford at Banbury United in the Southern Premier League.

Eddie Jones

Blues' top half hopes hit in North Wales hammering

Rugby League

OXFORD RL's ambitions of finishing in the top eight took another hit on Sunday after they suffered their fifth successive defeat.

Visitors North Wales Crusaders, also vying for a top half finish in Kingstone Press League 1, proved too powerful in a 52-20 win at Tilsley Park.

The Wrexham-based side ran riot with nine tries – despite their bus breaking down and delaying kick-off by two hours.

Undeterred, the Welsh side put their difficult journey behind them and opened the scoring with just two minutes gone.

The Crusaders meant business and brushed aside their hosts for a 24-0 lead before the half hour mark.

Simon Atherton (two minutes), Jack Houghton (16), Ryan Smith (20) and Andy Moulsdale (27) all dived over the line for the away side before the Blues got on the score sheet a minute before the buzzer.

Callum Windley darted through the visitor's defence to score and send the teams into the break with the scores at 24-6.

North Wales re-gained their 24-point lead five minutes into the second period when Joe Bate crashed over.

Momentum temporarily swung in the hosts' favour when Bradley Moules (49) and Casey Canterbury (59) dived over to reduce the arrears to 30-16.

Oxford made a further dent in the deficit when Crusader Callum Mullein was sent to the sin-bin.

Making use of their extra man the Blues scored their fourth of the afternoon on 64 minutes through Harrison Brough to reduce the deficit to 20 points and make it 30-20.

But that's as good as it got for the hosts as Jonny Walker (70), Callum Mullkeen (74), Kenny Baker (79) and Smith (79) all grounded the ball for the visitors to round off an emphatic 52-20 win.

Puritans raise cash for stadium and hospital

Banbury United

SUPPORTERS at Banbury United joined forces to raise thousands of pounds for stadium improvements and the campaign to protect the town's hospital.

Red and gold colours proudly displayed, around 20 supporters set-off from the Puritans' clubhouse on Saturday for a sponsored 10-mile walk.

The club said they have raised around £4,000, 10 per cent of which would go towards the Save our Horton Hospital campaign, which fights against proposed cuts to services at the Banbury hospital.

The route took in a number of club sponsors' outlets as well as the High Street in the town centre.

United want to improve facilities at the Banbury Plant Hire Community Stadium to enhance the matchday experience for supporters.

This includes the construction of stand cover at the Kings Sutton End, which could be completed in a couple of months, pending planning permission.

Terrace repairs, improvements to changing rooms and match officials rooms and a refurbishment of the tea bar are to be completed by next month's season opener.

Banbury spokesman David Shadbolt said: "As a supporters' owned club, we were delighted to see so many fans coming out to help."

Walkers take a breather

Darryl Eales: United are lucky to have Pep

Oxford United

By George Welch

CHAIRMAN Darryl Eales believes Oxford United were 'fortunate' to land the highly-regarded and 'progressive' Pep Clotet to replace Michael Appleton as head coach.

Mr Eales, who appointed Clotet as his second manager since taking ownership of the club in 2014, said the appointment is a testament to United's growing reputation "as a forward-looking and ambitious club".

He said: "I am delighted that Pep has chosen to launch his managerial career at Oxford United.

"It is an appointment that demonstrates our growing reputation within football as a forward-looking and ambitious club.

"Pep is a proven coach, progressive and hugely knowledgeable, and I believe we are fortunate to have attracted such a highly-regarded individual who is destined for an outstanding managerial career."

Eales admitted last month that Appleton's departure had impacted the club's shot-term recruitment as the U's failed to land prime transfer targets Conor McAleny and Liam Lindsay.

But the arrival of Clotet marks a new era as the club looks to build on the solid foundations laid by Appleton's three-year tenure.

Darryl Eales Picture: Steve Daniels

Eales said: "Pep was the unanimous choice of the board and we believe he will build on the significant progress we have made over the past three years and accelerate our collective objective of sustainable Championship status.

"He is committed to building on our existing infrastructure, based on our excellent coaching and backroom and recruitment team and continuing to develop our attractive playing philosophy.

"I am sure everyone associated with the club will join me in wishing Pep every success in his new role and will give him the 100 per cent support he deserves as we look forward to another exciting and successful campaign."

Pep Clotet has arrived from Leeds

Clotet's former boss at Swansea City and Leeds United, current Middlesbrough gaffer Garry Monk, tweeted: "Congratulations and good luck mate. I'm sure you'll do a fantastic job."

Chief football writer at The Times, Henry Winter, posted: "Good luck to Pep Clotet at #oufc. Highly regarded by players at Leeds. Contacts/reputation could bring in useful buys/loans."

U's players tested on return to training

SUMMER may have only just begun but Oxford United's players were put through their paces as they reported back for pre-season training last week.

The U's travel to Oxford City for the first warm up match of the season on Saturday – but first was the gruelling first day back at the club's Cowley training base.

On Wednesday last week, the squad endured max heart rate tests, power, balance and full medical check-ups all under the watchful eye of the U's' medical staff, headed by Andrew Proctor.

Proctor told the club website: "The players were tested regularly throughout last season and we know their capabilities.

"The days of them overdoing things in the close season are long gone.

"They all had a specific programme to follow and most of them have been reporting in over the summer as well, doing a few days training and regular gym work. It was a really impressive first day."

Proctor also welcomed back two injury-struck players on the road back to recovery. Both striker Wes Thomas and centre back Aaron Martin missed large chunks of last season through Achilles injuries.

Procter said: "It was also good to see Wes Thomas out there. He has worked very hard and been in all summer to make sure that when this day came he was able to join in fully.

"Aaron Martin, who suffered a similar Achilles injury a few weeks after Wes is also making good progress and shouldn't be too far behind."

Kick off against City is at 3pm.

New boys in Checkatrade Trophy draw

Oxford United

PREMIER league teams Manchester City, Tottenham Hotspur and Newcastle United will take their place in next season's Checkatrade Trophy for the first time.

Their academy sides will make their competition debut alongside Championship outfit Fulham in next year's tournament.

Premier League champions Chelsea – who Oxford beat on penalties last season – will again take part this year.

They will be joined by 11 other academy sides from England's top flight, as the country's leading academies pit their stars against the 48 League One and League Two teams.

Manchester United, Arsenal and Liverpool turned down the chance to participate.

The group stage draw will take place later this month with the first round of fixtures due to take place week commencing August 28.

The U's lost 2-1 to Coventry City in front of almost 75,000 fans at Wembley last season.

Prior to the club's second appearance at the home of football in as many years, the competition was heavily criticised for its low crowds, restrictive rules for the League One and Two teams, and the absence of the majority of England's big name clubs.

Prize money has been increased to £3m per season, with the winner getting £100,000.

Challenges await in heat of Algarve

Oxford United

OXFORD United will face two Sky-Bet Championship teams in the sweltering heat of Portugal later in the month.

The club announced last week they would take on Middlesbrough in the first match of their tour on Wednesday, July 12.

The U's will face the previously-announced Hull City – like Boro relegated from the Premier League last season – three days later on Saturday, July 15.

Both matches will take place at the Estadio da Nora, home of FC Ferreiras, in the coastal city of Albufeira.

Oxford lost 3-2 to Middlesbrough in the fifth round of last season's Emirates FA Cup.

United travel to the Algarve after their first pre-season fixture against Oxford City on Saturday.

The pre-season campaign will end on July 29 with a trip to Leeds United's Elland Road.

The Yellows' League One match against Scunthorpe United at the Kassam, originally scheduled for Saturday, March 31, has been moved forward a day to Good Friday, March 30 (3pm).

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Former Swansea and Leeds assistant boss 'thrilled' to join United

U's opt to add some extra Pep

Pep Clotet says he will be giving his all to ensure Oxford United go on to achieve the targets they set themselves

By George Welch

PEP Clotet has been announced as the new Oxford United manager.

The Spaniard, who last year was Garry Monk's assistant head coach at Leeds United, was unveiled on Saturday and met the players for the first time on Monday.

The 40-year-old was appointed following what the club described as a thorough recruitment and interview process – and can't wait to get started.

Clotet, who also worked with Monk at Swansea City, said: "I'm really thrilled to be embarking on this new challenge at a club as ambitious as Oxford United.

"It's an exciting prospect and I'll be giving my all to ensure that as a team, and with the fans' support, we go on and achieve the targets we set ourselves."

Clotet quickly emerged as one of the favourites to replace Michael Appleton, who last month left the U's to be No 2 at Leicester City.

He met chairman Darryl Eales' criteria of being a young and hungry coach and impressed Oxford's three-man recruitment panel.

Clotet added: "I wish to thank the chairman and his board of directors for placing their faith in me.

"Right from the first time I spoke to the club, we were very much in tune about the challenges and opportunities here, which is what led me to realise that this was the right move in my career.

"I will be working very hard to ensure their faith is repaid. I look forward to joining the Oxford United family."

After two days of training he praised the staff and players' "strong work ethic", adding: "Michael (Appleton, former head coach) and Faz (Derek Fazackerley, assistant head coach) have worked hard to create a culture at Oxford United and I hope to continue and build on that."

On the possibility of new arrivals at the Kassam, Barcelona-born Clotet said: "We are working hard for that and to make the best out of the squad. I am analysing the situation with the players to improve.

"I know people are eager to see new faces, but I am assessing and the more I understand the squad and the situation, I will move from there."

Clotet, who only played the game at amateur level, previously managed Cornellà, Figueres, Espanyol B and Málaga B in his native Spain before coaching spells in Sweden, Norway and England.

Clotet is only the second non-British or Irish manager to lead the U's. Argentine Ramon Diaz was the first in 2004/05, when the club was relegated out of the Football League.

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